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SIR THOMAS BODLEY  
TO  
THOMAS JAMES

First Keeper of the Bodleian Library

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8, y<sup>r</sup> Last w<sup>ch</sup> Munday, brought the  
best tidings, of any y<sup>r</sup> <sup>at</sup> y<sup>r</sup> sent, at any time  
unto me. For now me thinks my long de-  
sign, is come to some perfection: first, y<sup>r</sup> plan  
is frequented, and y<sup>r</sup> establisht in y<sup>r</sup> charge.  
For w<sup>ch</sup>, and for all y<sup>e</sup> whole course, of good pro-  
ceeding in this ad<sup>o</sup>, I finde my self respected  
by Mr Viscount, a great deale more then  
is due to my desert: as I will take good oc-  
casio<sup>n</sup> to lette him understand in time convenient.  
You pleasure me much w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>r</sup> weekly adven-  
tisements, of that w<sup>ch</sup> passeth about y<sup>e</sup> Librarie:  
wherein every pticular I desire to knowe fro<sup>m</sup> y<sup>e</sup>,  
as y<sup>r</sup> occasions sh<sup>al</sup>l per<sup>mit</sup>te: especially now  
that things are put in practise. For I will  
be carefull to reforme, and cause to be reform-  
ed, w<sup>hatsoever</sup> shall be needfull. And so  
for this time I leave y<sup>e</sup>, w<sup>th</sup> assurances w<sup>th</sup> I  
of I find happiness to y<sup>e</sup> self, and y<sup>e</sup> plan  
whereof y<sup>e</sup> preservation doth chiefly consist  
in y<sup>e</sup> industrie and care. Ad<sup>o</sup> 1666  
Nov. 10.

Y<sup>r</sup> very assuredly  
Tho. Bodley.

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## P R E F A C E

THE Letters addressed to the first Keeper of his Library by Sir Thomas Bodley, here printed in an entirely new edition, have been transcribed from originals, wholly in his handwriting, which are preserved in MS. Bodley 699.

The Letters, with the exception of two of them, were first printed in 1703, being included in *Reliquiae Bodleianae: or some genuine remains of Sir Thomas Bodley*, issued by Thomas Hearne; in which, however, they appear in a modernised text, and without arrangement in chronological or other order.

In the present edition the Manuscripts have been throughout followed as regards punctuation, spelling, and use of abbreviations, but no useful purpose appeared to be served by reproducing the numerous contractions of the originals, and these, therefore, have been printed at length.

Sir Thomas Bodley ordinarily noted on his Letters the month and also the day of the month of writing, but to only two among them has he added the year, which has therefore to be determined from such indications as the Letters themselves supply. In a few cases (to which attention is called in the notes) it has

## *Preface*

not proved possible to do this with any approach to certainty, but it is hoped that the dates assigned are usually at least highly probable, and that the chronological order in which the Letters appear will add in some degree to their value as materials for the history of the Library in its earliest years.

The Introduction, which follows, contains a brief account of the contribution which the Letters make to our knowledge of the history of the Library: the Notes are chiefly directed to the elucidation of matters connected with the formation and administration of the Library, while the Index will, it is hoped, be found useful as an alphabetical digest of the substance of the Letters.

The Editor is deeply indebted to Strickland Gibson, M.A., for help unsparingly given in the later stages of the work.

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The formal opening of Bodley's Library. Letter of  
Nov. 10, 1602 . . . . . *frontispiece*

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## INTRODUCTION

THE career of Sir Thomas Bodley whose Letters are here printed from the autograph originals preserved in his Library (MS. Bodley 699) is too well known to need to be recapitulated in a brief summary of the events with which they deal. Belonging as the Letters do entirely to his later years, when the Library he had established was the 'greatest of my worldly cares', and being addressed to its first Keeper, they treat of the affairs of the Library to the almost complete exclusion of other matters.

Sir  
Thomas  
Bodley.

The recipient of the Letters was Dr. Thomas James, for the first twenty years of its existence Keeper of the Library, the storing of which with books was in no small degree due to his efforts. He both gave of his own collection and afforded zealous assistance to Sir Thomas Bodley ('Almost every letter of yours', the latter writes, 'doth bring with it some bookes of gifte') in his endeavours to secure donations to the Library, while by his suggestion that an application should be made to the Stationers' Company for a grant of all books registered by them, which Sir Thomas Bodley succeeded in obtaining, James was instrumental in laying the foundation of the future greatness of the Bodleian. A theologian of no little fame in his own time and a scholar whom Dr. Rainolds, President of Corpus Christi College, the originator of the undertaking, invited to assist in the preparation of the Authorised Version of the Bible, he can also justly claim a distinguished place in the annals of bibliography as the compiler not only of a Catalogue of MSS. in Oxford and Cambridge libraries, but also of the first two printed Catalogues of the Bodleian, that of 1605, the first general catalogue of any European library, and that of 1620, the first completely alphabetical catalogue to

The first  
Keeper  
of the  
Library.

be printed, though preceded by one in manuscript compiled in 1611-12 and still preserved in the Library. To these may be added the very exhaustive subject-indexes to the works in each of the four Faculties, for which he made a thorough investigation of the contents of the books, and in which he divided the various subjects 'in minutissimas portiones vel sectiones'. Three of these—those to Theology, Medicine, and Law—he compiled while still Keeper of the Library, the fourth—that to the various subjects comprised in the 'Arts' classification—though begun earlier, was not completed till some time after he had resigned the office of Librarian. In thus devoting some portion of the leisure his retirement brought him to the benefit of students, he gave yet another proof of the earnest desire he had throughout displayed to do whatever lay in his power in aiding readers to avail themselves to the fullest extent of the facilities for study which the Library afforded, and further of his special care for students of Arts, for whom, then only tolerated on condition that they should 'demeane themselves with reuerence in geuing place to their superiours', he had vainly endeavoured to procure the provision of a separate part of the Library, filled with the volumes of which they stood most in need.

When the correspondence began James was a young man, who, educated at Winchester and New College, Oxford, and then Fellow of New College, had already acquired a reputation for learning among his contemporaries. He had published translations of two works in 1598 and in July 1599 an edition of the *Philobiblon*, prepared and printed in the previous year, which he dedicated to Sir Thomas Bodley. The offspring of parents who had been compelled to seek safety in exile during the reign of Queen Mary, he had inherited a bitter hostility to Roman Catholicism, and was possessed by a conviction that 'bono publico natus' the duty was laid upon him of devoting his chief energies throughout life to the frustration of 'our Papists' mischievous plots to pull kings out of

their thrones and the King of Kings 'out of Heaven'. For controversial purposes it was necessary that he should become as far as possible acquainted with all the manuscript and printed texts of the works of the Fathers and of other early Christian documents that were to be found in English libraries. He had postponed publication of his edition of the *Philobiblon* in order that he might add to it a revised edition of the catalogue of MSS. in Oxford College Libraries he had compiled before September 1598 when he received a commission to re-arrange and transcribe the University Statutes. At the date of Letter 1 (Dec. 24, 1599) he was at Cambridge where he spent some months in cataloguing MSS. in the libraries, afterwards proceeding to London for a similar purpose, his Catalogue, *Ecloga Oxonio-Cantabrigiensis*, published in 1600, containing titles of a few manuscripts there in addition to those at Oxford and Cambridge, of which it chiefly consists. Apparently at the time not actually appointed, it is clear from the Letter that he had been already marked out as Keeper of the newly-restored Library, though he did not enter on the actual discharge of his duties (for which he received at first a salary of £20 per annum, increased in 1602 to £26 13s. 4d.) till more than a year later.

By that time more than three years had elapsed since Sir Thomas Bodley, in pursuance of the determination of which he tells in his autobiography, 'to set vp my Staffe at the Librarie dore in Oxon', had on February 23, 1598, addressed to the Vice-Chancellor the letter in which he proposed to take upon himself the 'charge and cost' of restoring the Library which, built by the University in the later years of the fifteenth century to contain the books bestowed by Humfrey, Duke of Gloucester, had been for many years but 'a great desolate roome'. The destruction of Duke Humfrey's books, attributed by Anthony Wood to the ignorant and fanatical zeal of the Commissioners for the reformation of the University appointed in 1550, was, in Sir Thomas

Founda-  
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Library.



Bodley's opinion, the result of the absence of any endowment for the maintenance of the Library 'whereby it came to passe, that when those that were in being, were ether wasted or embezeled the whole fowndation came to ruine'. He proposed therefore, not only to refit the Library with 'seates, and shelfes, and Deskes, and all that may be needfull, to stirre vp other mens benevolence, to helpe to furnish it with bookes', but also to provide a 'standing annual rent, to be disboursed every yere in buing of bookes, in officers stipends, and other pertinent occasions', a provision which, together with a body of statutes for its government, would, he anticipated, ensure the perpetual existence of the new Foundation. The offer was gratefully accepted by Convocation and a committee was, at his desire, appointed to assist in deciding on the 'fittest kinde of facture of deskes, and other furniture'. In the following month he had already begun his preparations for refurnishing the room, his 'cheefest care' then being 'how to season my tymber assoone as is possible'. The timber was a gift from Merton College, but it still required 'a conuenient seasening: least by making to muche hast, if the shelfes and seates should chance to warpe, it might proue to be an eyesoare, and cost in a manner cast away'. A delay of some twelve months was necessary on this account before the fitting up of the room could be begun, but the end of the following year saw the approaching completion of the work. In Letter 1 (Dec. 24, 1599) he writes that 'within this fortnight, I trust, I shall haue ended with my carpenters, ioiners, caruers, glasiars, and all that idle rabble: and then I goe in hand, with making vp my barres, lockes, haspes, grates, cheines, and other gimmoes of iron, belonging to the fastning and riuetting of the bookes', and in a letter of June 20, 1600, to the Vice-Chancellor announces that he has 'brought to some good passe the mechanicall workes apperteyning to the Library' and encloses a schedule in which are recorded the donations made to the Library by its earliest benefactors.

The books which had been acquired were for the most part stored in Bodley's house in London till June of the year following (1601). They were then sent to the Library where they afforded an object of interest to those who attended the 'Act' ceremonies, and inspired a general desire that they should be made accessible to readers at the earliest possible moment. But to allow access to the books at that time was evidently no part of Bodley's purpose. He intended that the Library he was establishing should surpass in greatness all other existing libraries, and at the same time he was aware that his 'portion is too slender, to performe for the present, any answerable act, to my willing disposition', and that he could only achieve his purpose if he were able 'to stirre vp other mens benevolence, to helpe to furnish it with bookes'. The number of volumes then placed on the shelves of the Library was estimated by the Keeper at 800. This estimate apparently includes folios only and omits the three or four hundred quartos and octavos, but, even with this addition, the volumes would scarcely have filled the shelves of four of the book-cases in Duke Humfrey's Library. Sir Thomas Bodley, well aware of the importance of first impressions, knew that with so small a collection of books, the first impression would be, not of a great and important Library, but of one that was small and insignificant, and that those to whom he looked for help in adding to the collection would be far less ready to aid an institution appearing to be in need than one giving at least promise of future greatness.

The first books in the Library.

The doors of the Library therefore remained closed to students, and the Keeper, now actively employed in cataloguing the books that had been received, was also busily engaged in urging his friends in the University and elsewhere to give help towards storing the Library. Sir Thomas Bodley was applying himself with unwearied industry to the same object. He wrote or spoke to all those of his acquaintances from whom help might be expected, and followed up with the greatest persistence any promises

Collecting books for the Library.



he received. The mere suggestion that a gift might be made to the Library was sufficient to set him in pursuit of the probable donor. One instance of this may perhaps be here given. He had received information that Theodore Price, afterwards Principal of Hart Hall, at that time chaplain to Lord Howard of Effingham, Lord High Admiral, was disposed to 'moue my L. Admiral, to doe somewhat for the Librarie', and almost every Letter in the following months makes mention of his efforts to obtain an interview with Mr. Price. After a time references to the matter cease, but the donation was received several months later.

Letters of  
thanks to  
donors.

Sir Thomas Bodley held strongly the view that proper respect shown to past benefactors acted as an incentive to others. In the Register of Donations which he kept from the first, he insisted that 'when any manuscript is sette vpon my Register, of any mans gift, although it can not but proue very tedious, to nominat in particular all of a volume, yet it must be done of the chieffer sort, lest the goodnesse of mens giftes, be not made apparant to their full content' (Letter 11), and, when a large donation had been received, and especially if it came from an important personage, he at once made an announcement to the Vice-Chancellor, who was asked to report the matter to Convocation, and obtain a letter of thanks to the donor from the University. He displayed great anxiety that the letter should be sent speedily, and was sometimes not well pleased with the official phraseology. 'It is not', he writes of the letter to Sir John Fortescue, 'endited, as I could haue wished, if I had bin present: but yet it will serue, though it serue the woorse, for comming so slowly' (Letter 12), nor would he allow, as far as he could prevent it, these letters to be sent to benefactors by the common carrier, holding that 'it ought to be done with more regard, by some mans deliuerie of good account, to whome the addresse of those letters, should haue bin recommended' (Letter 13).

The donations obtained were sometimes of books, sometimes of money. The titles of books given were entered in the Donations Register under the name of the giver, and when the gift was in money, books were bought with each individual contribution and their titles similarly registered under the donor's name. The purchase of books Bodley took almost entirely upon himself. He had but a poor opinion of the stocks of Oxford booksellers, and made persistent efforts to prevent the books bought with Dr. Chaloner's gift of £20 from being purchased from Alice Herks, who was the donor's sister and widow of Richard Herks or Garbrand, an Oxford stationer whose business she continued. Bodley's purchases were made chiefly from John Norton 'my stationer', and from John Bill, who was dispatched to the chief cities in France and Italy and later in Spain, as well as to the Frankfort book-fairs, in order to procure books for the Library. It was also in contemplation that a scholar should be sent to the East for the purchase of Oriental literature, but the proposal was only carried into effect some years later, the books obtained by Mr. Pindar, whose services were secured for this purpose, not having been sent to the Library till the end of 1611.

Bodley's knowledge of the world and his diplomatic experience doubtless proved of great service to him in his efforts to procure contributions to the Library, and the Donations Register bears witness to the large measure of success he was able to obtain. Yet he was not in all cases successful, and sometimes even promises of help he had obtained remained unfulfilled. Several names are mentioned in the Letters of those who were thought likely to contribute or who had even made promises to that effect which yet are not found in that Register.

Eager as he was to fill the shelves of the Library and unsparing as were his efforts to secure even a single volume when he considered it to be of special value, he yet was not prepared to accept anything and everything. The passage in Letter 221 in which he

Buying  
books for  
the  
Library.

'Promisers but  
not performers.'

Books unsuitable  
for the  
Library.

expresses at some length a very decided opinion as to the kinds of books—plays, proclamations, almanacks—which should find no place in the Library is well known, and the principle there enunciated was one that had guided his procedure throughout. He was evidently sceptical as to the value of any work written in English, and in general preferred a Latin translation of an English work to the vernacular original. He would even seem from some passages in the Letters to have been at first inclined to regard books of octavo size as generally unsuitable (doubtless because they could not well be chained) for the shelves of a library, and this probably explains the smallness of the number of books of this as compared with those of folio size which are entered in the earliest extant Catalogue of the Library, that in MS. Rawl. Q. e. 31, while that the Keeper to some extent shared this view he showed by omitting to include them in his estimate of the number of books in the Library. ‘Of your lesser books’, Sir Thomas Bodley writes in Letter 3, ‘because I knowe them not, and make doubt of their goodnesse, I leaue to your owne discretion, to keepe, or reiect’, and of a later donation, ‘Among those bookes of D. Tailour, there are diuers good, but withall many pamphlettes, not worth the custody in suche a Librarie’. Still more emphatic is his warning to the Keeper in Letter 26 ‘In any wise take no riffe raffe bookes (for suche will but proue a discredit to our Librarie)’, and again in Letter 162 (Dec. 17, 1607), ‘I pray yow consider, that we nether take the same that we had before, nor euery riffe raffe’.

Book-  
binding.

The books obtained for the Library were, as has been mentioned, for the most part purchased in London. They were in general also bound there, though work was sometimes sent to Oxford, Dominick Pinart and Edward Miles, two Oxford bookbinders, being mentioned (Letter 24) in this connexion. Sir Thomas Bodley himself supervised the work of the London bookbinders, with which the Keeper was far from being satisfied (Letter 152), and



his practice of combining in one volume two or three separate works (the object of this being, as is explained in Letter 85, to lessen the number of chains on the shelves) necessitated a rough classification of them so that works thus bound together should belong to the same one of the four Faculties into which the books in the Library were then divided. One matter in this connexion is worth noticing. It appears to have been thought that books presented to the Library should be in fit condition to be placed immediately on the shelves, and, when this was not the case, the donor was expected to defray the cost of binding or repairing the volumes he had given. Even the Keeper was not exempted from this regulation, it being assumed that the books he gave to the Library would be bound at his expense before they were placed on the shelves (Letter 3), and in the same Letter it is mentioned as a quite exceptional circumstance that Sir Thomas Bodley proposed himself to pay the cost of binding the volumes given by Mr. Gent. Such a regulation could not always be enforced, and when objection to it seemed likely, Bodley sometimes resorted to the expedient of accepting books which were known to be already in the Library, by the sale of which he met the expense of binding those that were retained, as is shown by the following quotation from Letter 26, 'but because I knowe not, whether he will be wonne, to pay for the binding of suche as may neede it . . . it will be requisit to take bookes that we haue already, whereby those charges may the better be defraied'.

The books obtained during the preceding twelve months were sent to the Library in June of each year so that they might be newly on the shelves at the 'Act' celebrations in July, and at that time Sir Thomas Bodley, who had had all the labour of securing gifts to the Library, of purchasing books with donations in money, of keeping an exact register of all books given or purchased, of informing the Vice-Chancellor of all large donations, and of seeing that each donor received his due meed of thanks,

Transport  
of books  
to Ox-  
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and further of supervising the binding where that was necessary, had then to provide for their transport to Oxford. In the early years of the seventeenth century goods were carried between London and Oxford either wholly by road or partly by road and partly by the river Thames. Two carriers, working under regulations made by the University, made weekly journeys from Oxford to London. One of them—generally referred to as ‘Mundays cariar’—left Oxford on Monday, arrived in London on Tuesday, set out on the return journey on Wednesday, and reached Oxford on the following day, the other setting out on Wednesday and making the return journey on Friday and Saturday, being bound by the regulations ‘to provide some honest man to deliver every man’s letters by Sunday noon at latest’. The wagons they drove appear to have been capable of carrying small parcels only, and, though books were occasionally sent by them, large loads were usually forwarded by river, for which also the charge was considerably less. Packed in ‘drie fattes’ the books were placed in one of the barges then plying on the Thames, and carried to Burcot, a village in Oxfordshire not far from Dorchester, the river between that place and Oxford not yet being navigable by large barges. The journey thither, which was only possible at certain seasons of the year, took five or six days in favourable circumstances, but the length of time was liable to be considerably increased when the river was exceptionally either high or low, and the cost was usually about six shillings. From Burcot the ‘drie fattes’ were transported in carts sent from Oxford for the purpose, and, being too large to be carried up the narrow stairs then at the West End of the Library, were unpacked below, the books, if Sir Thomas Bodley’s instructions were obeyed, being carried up by ‘schollers of your knowledge, appointed for their trust’, a condition which, entertaining as he did profound and possibly not unwarranted suspicions as to the honesty of those who handled books, he insisted on lest ‘the fine binding of some litle

volumes' should prove too great a temptation to less trustworthy persons.

With their arrival in the Library the books became the immediate concern of the Keeper. All, both printed and manuscript, with the exception of a few of special rarity placed in the Archives or 'Grates', were divided by size into folio (with which the larger of the quartos were incorporated), quarto, and octavo, and by subject into Theology, Law, Medicine, and Arts, and further, in each of the resulting subdivisions into a rough alphabetical order governed by the initial letter of the name of the author of each volume, or, when a volume consisted of more than one work, by the initial letter of the author of the work placed first in it. They were then arranged on the shelves, the quartos and octavos (the number of which was not great) being accommodated in the 'Closets' (now the Librarians' studies) at the East End, and the folios in the cases in Duke Humfrey's Library, the shelves above the counters only being at this time used. The quartos and octavos were kept under lock and key, and for these application had to be made to the Keeper. The folios, to which access was free, were chained to the shelves, the chaining being done by a smith brought for the purpose from Beoley in Worcestershire. At the end of each case of folio volumes was a wooden frame containing a 'Table', i.e. a list of books in the case, and similar lists were also prepared for the quartos and octavos, these lists, owing to the alphabetical order in which the books were placed, providing at once a shelf-list and also a roughly alphabetical catalogue. The Faculties appear from the earliest extant Catalogue of the Library to have been placed originally in the order Theology, Law, Medicine, Arts, Law thus preceding instead of following Medicine, as it did later, but the exact location of each Faculty at this time cannot be determined with certainty. The order followed in the incomplete Catalogue compiled at the end of 1603 (MS. Bodley 763) appears to

Arrange-  
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books  
in the  
Library.

warrant the assumption that Theology and Law occupied the cases on the south side of Duke Humfrey's Library, and Medicine and Arts those on the north side; there can at any rate be little doubt that down to 1613 Arts occupied the cases at the West End of the north side, and Theology the greater part, and in and after 1604 the whole, of the cases on the south side.

But though the duty of devising and carrying out these arrangements necessarily devolved on the Keeper, he was in all matters acting under instructions from the Founder, and in some at least would have preferred methods other than those he was instructed to pursue. He made repeated but vain efforts to obtain permission to keep the MSS. apart from the printed books, while he was probably then, as he certainly was at a later date, opposed to the classification into the four Faculties, and also to the alphabetical order by authors' names. He appears to have done hardly anything without first obtaining Bodley's sanction, and in all that he did was subjected to constant criticism. To his classification of particular books objection was made, the form of his catalogue entries was criticised, and even his handwriting did not escape reproach.

The  
Library  
opened.

In the spring of 1602 preparations seemed to be so far advanced that on March 27 Sir Thomas Bodley addressed a letter to the Vice-Chancellor in which he stated that, though not yet satisfied with the number of books he had obtained, yet being 'vnwilling, that the hope of hauing more, should stoppe the vse of these in being, to the preiudice perhaps, of many mens profiting in their priuat studies' he proposed that the Library should be opened to students at the following 'Act'. The letter was read at a meeting of Convocation on April 13, at which twenty Delegates—among whom were the President of Magdalen, the Rector of Exeter, the Principal of Brasenose, the Provost of Queen's, and the President of Corpus—were appointed to make regulations for the secure custody of the books 'in communi bibliotheca' and to take



general charge of its administration. The books acquired during the year were not, however, sent to Oxford before the end of June, and on their arrival proved to be so numerous that additional shelves had to be installed for their accommodation. The opening was therefore postponed, first to Michaelmas and later to November 8, when the Vice-Chancellor, Proctors, Delegates, and 'innumeri doctores' met in St. Mary's Church and went thence in procession to the Library where they were met by the Keeper who addressed to them a speech in which 'tribus ferme versibus amplexus est omnia'. Dr. James's account of the ceremony is still preserved in the Library, prefixed to the list of graduates then resident in Oxford, which, once forming part of MS. Rawlinson D. 912, is now placed among Library papers, and Letter 54 shows that he at once communicated an account of the proceedings on that occasion to Sir Thomas Bodley, who had not been present at the ceremony. On the same day he began, and continued throughout a full year, a record of the names of Readers with the dates on which they were present in the Library, which now forms part of MS. Bodley 763.

The Library at length made accessible to students, Oxford's Pambiblion, as Mr. Richard Haydock in dedicating to Bodley his translation of Lomazzo's *Arte della pittura* had prophetically designated it some years earlier, is referred to in the Letters, sometimes as the 'University' sometimes as the 'Public' Library, and, though the right of reading in it belonged only to Doctors, Masters of Arts, and Bachelors of the superior Faculties—to the exclusion of Undergraduates and originally of Bachelors of Arts—from the first it established its claim to the more general title. Not only were visitors welcomed, but 'gentlemen strangers', whether of English or other nationality, on 'request first made vnto the Congregation', were able to obtain permission to study in and to 'haue, as all others, free accesse into the Librarie' (Letter 70). The first 'Extraneus', John Basire or Brasire, 'a Frenchman', was

The  
Bodleian  
a Public  
Library.



admitted a Reader in the Library on February 15, 1603. Nineteen others of various nationalities obtained a similar privilege in that year, and Dr. James, in his *Romish Corruptions* (pt. v, p. 17) in a list of the nations from which Readers had been drawn, mentions 'French, Spanish, Italian, Dutch [including Germans], Danes, Bohemians, Polonians, Iewes, Ethiopians, and others'.

Great  
increase  
in the  
number  
of books  
in 1603.

The announcement of the opening of the Library received in James's letter 'brought', Bodley writes, 'the best tidings, or any that yow sent, at any time vnto me. For nowe me thinkes my long designe, is come to some perfection: sith the place is frequented' (Letter 54). It spurred him on to even greater efforts to obtain books, the Letters following this being filled with titles of the works he proposed to buy if they were not already in the Library. As a result a very large number was sent to the Library in June of the following year, the great increase necessitating a re-arrangement of those already on the shelves in order to provide room in their proper sections for these additions.

The  
Plague of  
1603.

After June 1603 there is an almost complete break in the correspondence till April of the following year, the two Letters assigned to dates between these two months having been placed there with considerable hesitation. The reason for this break is probably to be found in the Plague which raged in London early in the summer of that year, and, spreading to Oxford in the autumn, to a great extent prevented communication between Fulham (where Bodley appears to have been then residing) and Oxford during the latter half of 1603 and the early months of the next year. The Letters of April 1604 appear, however, to be in continuation of a recent correspondence, and it is therefore not unlikely that some letters were received during that time which, as possible carriers of infection, it was deemed inadvisable to retain in the Library. Anthony Wood in his account of the effects of the Plague of these years in Oxford draws a sombre picture of the

desolation resulting from it in the last months of 1603, but though the beginning of Michaelmas Term was postponed till December 5, Dr. James's record of attendances in the Library shows that the desolation, if it in fact existed, was not reflected in the number of those who read in the Bodleian, the average attendance in July being considerably in excess of that in any of the previous months, that for August, September, and October showing no marked falling off from that of July, while that for the few days of November which are included in the record is higher than any hitherto reached.

In June of the next year (1604) the Donations Register was at length completed and placed in the Library. Lists both of books given to the Library and also of those purchased with donations in money had been kept throughout, and the volume in which it was intended to enter the names of those who made gifts had been provided before June 1600, but, though repeated efforts were made to secure a writer, and the handwriting of several transcribers was tried, none of them proved satisfactory to Sir Thomas Bodley who was exceedingly difficult to please in that respect. The Register, apparently still without entries in it, had probably been exhibited in the Library at the time when it was first opened, and shortly afterwards was sent to Sir Thomas Bodley ('packed vp in a coffin of boordes, with paper thicke about it, and hay between it and the boordes' if his instructions had been exactly followed, but in fact 'for want of hay between it and the hard boordes of the case . . . somewhat grated in the cariage') in order that he might 'beginne to haue it written'. Whether a beginning was ever made is uncertain, but in any case the work of transcription had not advanced far enough for the Register to be sent to the 'Act' of 1603 (Letter 87), and, probably in despair of finding a scribe whose handwriting seemed to him sufficiently good for the purpose, Bodley at length decided to have the entries printed. The printed part of the

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volume includes benefactions made before June 1604, and thereafter additions were made year by year in manuscript, the first person to whom this work was entrusted being John Hales, afterwards famous as 'Hales of Eton', a glance at whose entries in the Register will show that he fully merited the description given of him as one 'that writeth faire and finely' (Letter 126).

The  
printed  
Catalogue  
of 1605.

The same year witnessed the beginning of the first printed Catalogue of the Library. It would seem that the original proposal in this connexion had been to print the 'Tables' affixed to the ends of the book-cases, but that this project was abandoned in favour of a general Catalogue. The matter appears to have been under discussion for some time, and there are some grounds for the supposition that an effort was made to secure guarantees for the cost of printing from among Readers in the Library. The attempt was unsuccessful, and it was not till Sir Thomas Bodley, who, as is evident from his Letters, hoped that the proceeds of its sale would be sufficient to cover the original outlay, promised (Letter 92) to be 'at the charge of printing the Catalogue' that publication could be undertaken. The work was entrusted to Joseph Barnes, of Oxford, and printing, which had been postponed for a few months to allow time for books recently added to the Library to be catalogued, was begun late in July 1604. The proof-sheets were sent week by week to Sir Thomas Bodley, whose Letters of August and September of that year show that he amply fulfilled the promise he made that 'though it will be too late, for me to aduertise of any escape, when it shall haue once passed the presse and printing. Neuertheles I will alwaies impart, what I thinke of your course' (Letter 101). He was in fact profoundly dissatisfied with it. He feared that the print would 'proue so obscure to strangers as it will hinder [the] sale', and pointed out numerous faults both of omission and commission. In particular he was greatly incensed both with the Keeper and the Printer at the mistakes made in the titles of the Hebrew works.



The attempt to print titles in Hebrew characters was a somewhat ambitious one. Joseph Barnes was but ill supplied with Hebrew type, and, though Bodley promised to obtain supplies from Robert Barker, the King's printer, to the excellence of whose printing of Hebrew titles in the Donations Register he called attention (Letter 104), he failed to do so, and finally it became necessary to add a long list of errata in which Hebrew titles were corrected in Roman characters 'quia defuerunt characteres Hebraici'.

The Catalogue, as it was originally projected, was finished in the following October, but in the same Letter (No. 108) in which Sir Thomas Bodley expresses his satisfaction at the termination of printing he proposed (and soon after decided) to delay publication until an appendix could be prepared and issued as part of the Catalogue, which should contain the titles of some 2,000 works recently acquired and also of the separate works in collectaneous volumes which had been, by his direction, catalogued only under their general titles, together with other less important additions. The decision would in ordinary circumstances have delayed publication for a full year, but the disappointment expressed by students, by whom the Catalogue had been eagerly expected, and still more the prospect of the visit which King James was expected to pay to the Library at the following Easter, led to steps being taken which it was hoped would enable publication to take place at an earlier date. Ordinarily the books would have been bound in London, and afterwards sent to Oxford to be catalogued, classified, and press-marked, but on this occasion it was determined that they should be catalogued and press-marked while still unbound in London, so that their titles might if necessary be printed before the books were actually on the shelves of the Library. In pursuance of this plan the Keeper was invited to stay in London 'a sevenight, or 10. daies at the farthest . . . with a lodging and your diet in my house' (Letter 113). The visit was

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paid in the later weeks of Michaelmas Term, and, returning to Oxford, the Keeper endeavoured to assign press-marks to the books he had catalogued while in London. Such a task would be one of some difficulty even in the most favourable circumstances, and in this instance it proved an impossible one. Not only were there doubts as to which of the newly-acquired volumes were to be retained and which to be rejected as being already in the Library (then called 'double-bookes'), but there was also considerable misunderstanding as to which of the works were to be bound together ('coupled'), and also as to the order in which works thus 'coupled' were to be placed in each of these composite volumes, knowledge of which was necessary before press-marks could be assigned. Several letters were interchanged in an endeavour to clear up misunderstandings on these points, but the correspondence produced more heat than light, and at length it became evident that the attempt to hasten publication had largely failed, and that the arrival of the books must be awaited before cataloguing and press-marking could be completed and the work be ready for the press.

The Catalogue, some notes on which will be found in two articles in the *B. Q. R.* (vol. i, pp. 228-32, vol. iii, pp. 46-50), was issued in July 1605, with a dedication to Henry, Prince of Wales. It takes the form of a shelf-list, a separate page being allotted to the titles of books on each of the 324 shelves which then contained the whole of the folio volumes other than those placed in the Archives, the obvious intention being that the pages should be used to replace the written 'Tables' fixed in the frames attached to the end of each book-case. As some shelves were entirely empty and others contained only one or two books, some of the pages afforded a large amount of vacant space which was used in part for the inclusion of the titles and press-marks of works which, though belonging to the same Faculty and Letter, were shelved elsewhere, either by reason of their being bound with

other works or because they were of the smaller sizes, distinguishing marks (¶ \*) being in these cases prefixed to the titles, as may be seen in the facsimile reproduction of a page of the Catalogue in the *B. Q. R.* for January 1916 (vol. i, no. 8).

The books for which publication of the Catalogue had been delayed were for the most part octavos. It has already been mentioned that attention had at first been directed primarily to the acquisition of folios. Now, however, the octavos were beginning to show a marked increase in number, and consequently the meagre accommodation afforded them by the Librarians' studies at the East End was taxed beyond its utmost capacity. It became necessary both to place them in heaps on the floor and also to make use temporarily of the shelves in the 'Grates' which had been set apart for manuscripts and printed books of special value, until additional shelves could be obtained elsewhere. It was at first proposed to provide for them by the construction of 'window-deskes', Keyes, the carpenter usually employed in the Library, being instructed to make 'at his owne cost' a pattern of these for Sir Thomas Bodley's inspection. The pattern apparently proved unsatisfactory and in the end the additional shelves required were obtained in a newly-erected gallery at the West End of the Library. The erection of the gallery is not definitely mentioned in the Letters, but it is evident from the preface to the printed Catalogue that a considerable number of shelves had then been recently added, while Letters 131, 132 (May 8 and 10, 1605) show that structural alterations were in progress at that time. Furthermore the gallery, of which no earlier mention had been made, is definitely referred to in connexion with the King's visit in 1605, while its position is shown by Letter 222 where it is described as 'ouer the doore at the entrance into the Librarie', and its purpose by Brian Twyne who states explicitly that 'the shelues in the gallery were made for small bookes in 8°'.

In the autumn of 1605 King James I paid a visit to the

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Visit of  
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James I.

Library. The Letters of the weeks immediately preceding that event consist in great part of directions concerning the preparations to be made for the King's reception. Bodley spared no pains to ensure that the Library should be at its best on that occasion. He hastened the binding of the books recently given in order that they might be ready to be placed on the shelves before the King's arrival, and sent lists of them in advance, begging that Hales would 'peine himself a litle' to make the entries in the Donations Register so that it should contain a record of all donations made to the Library. Another matter to which he devoted a perhaps excessive amount of attention was the speech which it was intended that the Keeper should address to the royal visitor. Nearly three months before the date of the visit he writes that the speech (which, as delivered, is preserved in MS. Wood D. 9) must be 'short and sweete, and full of stuffe' (Letter 137), and some weeks later, sending a 'rude draught' of suggestions with regard to it, begs that the Keeper's speech should be sent to him at the earliest possible moment, promising his 'best aduise, which yet yow may folowe at your pleasure', and further that, even if his suggestions were adopted, 'it shall be knowen to none but my self, that I haue any oare in that boate' (Letter 143). Receiving a copy of the speech he at once composes an alternative which in his opinion 'comprehendeth more mater and more pertinent' than the Keeper's, and further recommends that as far as possible the latter should adopt the 'kinges pronounciation of i & au', King James, as is well known, highly disapproving of the pronounciation of Latin then used in the English universities. Nor were other, even though less important, matters overlooked. Instructions were given for the disposal of the table at the East End of the Library, the transfer of the globes to the gallery, the removal of the 'orders hanging at the doare' so that the way into the Library should be unobstructed, and even the washing of the floor and its being afterwards 'rubbed with a litle rosemary: for a stronger sente [scent] I should not like'.

One thing, however, he refused to do. Dr. James asked permission to have the copy of the King's literary works bound in a manner befitting the works of the royal author. Bodley declined to allow this to be done, suggesting instead that the volumes should be hidden, and if, which he thought unlikely, inquiries were made with regard to them, the Keeper should report that they were being bound in London 'in veluet, in two volumes', when 'all will be excused that can be objected' (Letter 143).

Sir Thomas Bodley was at all times desirous that great attention should be paid to visitors of distinction. Often they were welcomed by the Librarian in a set speech, and at a later date one of the qualifications required of the person who was to occupy the position of Under-Keeper was that he 'should be able, to interteine commers in, aswel of other nations as our owne, with meete discourses for the place' (Letter 220). Bodley made no attempt to hide the chief reason for this attention to visitors, which is indeed sufficiently obvious, even though James seems at first to have failed to detect it. As early as March 1602, when there were but about a thousand volumes on the shelves, the Keeper, in an endeavour to impress a visitor with the greatness of the Library, appears to have informed him 'that all [books] of any worth are almost bought already' (Letter 24). The statement was, as Bodley did not fail to remind him, wide of the truth, and in any case was not the impression he wished conveyed to those from whom further donations might be expected. He would doubtless have thought considerable preparation requisite on the occasion of a visit from the King in any circumstances, but it is evident that the overwhelming anxiety he displayed was due to an expectation of securing a large grant of books from the royal libraries. King James did in fact make a promise to that effect during his visit, but, though a warrant was obtained 'vnder his hand and priuie seale, for the choise of any bookes, that I shall like, in any of his houses or Libraries' (Letter 147), Lord Knyvet and Sir Peter Young

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were able to prevent the grant from being made effective, and in spite of repeated efforts, Bodley never succeeded in gaining possession of the promised books.

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Early in the following year (1606) Dr. James at length succeeded in obtaining the appointment of the first Under-Keeper of the Library. Hitherto practically the whole of the duties connected with its management had fallen upon the Keeper. He appears, indeed, to have had the assistance of a 'servant' who is mentioned as transcribing catalogues and the like, but to whom formal admission to the Library was refused, he being permitted to be in it only at times when the Keeper was present, and, unless he also discharged, as not improbably he did, the duties assigned to the 'cleanser', he received no official salary. In the autumn of 1604, while the toil undergone in the preparation and correction of the printed Catalogue was still fresh in his memory, James, who had more than once previously endeavoured to obtain the help of a qualified assistant, made a definite proposal for the appointment of an Under-Keeper or a Joint-Keeper. The nature of the proposal then made shows that the helper he desired was one who, besides furnishing assistance in routine work, would be competent to take charge of the Library at all times when the Keeper was absent, thus relieving the latter of the necessity he was then under of making application to the Vice-Chancellor for the appointment of a special deputy on every such occasion. Bodley flatly refused to accede to James's request, pointing out both that the duties attached to his office would in future be lighter owing to the diminution in the number of books which would in future years be likely to be added to the Library, and also that the newly-appointed official could not be either an Under-Keeper or a Joint-Keeper, the former because no 'graduat of Learning and sufficiencie, will be contented to be subiect to your daily directions', the latter because such an appointment would necessarily carry with it a salary equal to that of the Keeper who would not

tolerate 'an other felowe in your function. Who perhaps by his comming in the late of the euening, will enioy as good a portion, for stipend and credit, as yow that haue labored all the heat of the day' (Letter 108). James, however, persisted in his efforts and in 1605 was able to show that the work of obtaining the octavo volumes when required by Readers had been greatly increased both by the increase of the number of volumes of that size, and by their removal from the studies in the East End of the Library to the gallery at the West End, and Sir Thomas Bodley at length, influenced perhaps in part by the representation that the proposed additional member of the Staff was not 'bookishe' (Letter 119), was able to write on February 25, 1606, 'If yow haue found a fitte scholler to your fantasie to assist yow in the Librarie, I am very gladd of it, and after our Lady Day forward, I will allowe him after the rate of 6<sup>li</sup> 13. 4.' (Letter 149). In one very important respect the newly-created post, which was occupied for some years by Philip Price, afterwards Fellow of Brasenose College, fell short of James's desires. In Bodley's draft of the Statutes the Under-Keeper is described as a 'daily minister' whose chief duty was that of supplying to Readers books from locked cases other than the Archives, and, though he is sometimes described as 'deuterobibliothecarius', and in the Latin version of the Statutes is entitled 'hypobibliothecarius', he was not competent to take the place of the Keeper, in whose absence the attendance of a specially appointed deputy continued to be required.

The period which has now been passed in review was one of great activity in the Library, and the results achieved could hardly have failed to appear in the highest degree satisfactory to all those by whose efforts they had been attained. The volumes (many of which contained more than one work) then on the shelves numbered approximately 6,000, and, though after events showed the view to be a mistaken one, the Library was regarded as being substantially complete in every respect. At the end of

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1604 Sir Thomas Bodley had thought that, after the following year, it would be difficult to add more than 200 volumes annually to those already on the shelves, and he is probably giving his own view when he writes that 'the general conceat aswell of other nations, as of our owne at home, of the Librarie stoare, is so great, that they imagine in a maner, there is nothing wanting in it' (Letter 110). For the small number of additions likely to be received ample shelf accommodation had been provided in the book-cases recently placed in Duke Humfrey's Library and in the newly-erected gallery at the West End. Furthermore, the greatness of the Library had now been made known to the world by the publication in 1605 of the Catalogue, 'the earliest general catalogue of any European public library', while the Donations Register, conspicuously exhibited in the Library, by its printed and beautifully written entries on vellum, at once made 'the goodnesse of mens giftes . . . apparant to their full content' and acted as an incentive to others to imitate their beneficence. Nor had the promise of books from the royal libraries yet been found to be an empty one, and the Library appeared therefore to be assured both of the royal favour, and also of a large and valuable addition of manuscripts and printed books to its store.

Letters of  
1606-9.

With so much achieved it is by no means surprising to find some diminution of activity in the following years. The Letters are then comparatively few in number, and, though there is reason to suppose that those now extant are far from being the whole of those written by Sir Thomas Bodley to the Keeper, it is highly probable that letters were in fact less frequent at that time than at some other periods. Those of earlier years deal largely with inquiries regarding books proposed to be purchased, and, with a diminution of such inquiries, the need for letters was considerably lessened; and though Bodley describes himself as being 'somewhat curious in keeping good correspondence' he nevertheless was



very unwilling to trouble the Keeper 'further, then needes I must' (Letter 133).

To Dr. James the time appeared to have arrived when the activity he had hitherto displayed in the affairs of the Library might well be transferred to the work he had most at heart, that, namely, of showing by means of collations of manuscripts and printed texts of the works of the Fathers and other early Christian documents that, in editions of these works issued by Roman Catholic divines, changes and omissions had been made for the express purpose of supporting the claims of the Roman Catholic Church and of confuting its Protestant adversaries. For a time he was able to secure not only Sir Thomas Bodley's permission to undertake this work but even his co-operation. In daily expectation of being able to avail himself to the full of the King's grant of books, and intending, as he acknowledges (Letter 149), that the 'pretense . . . of vndertaking speedily the Collation of the fathers must be the motife' he would employ to urge on the King the speedy fulfilment of his promise, Bodley proposed to put himself at the head of the undertaking. The work was to be carried out by a band of 'very grownded schollers' who were to receive an allowance 'for their paines', and all of whom were to be 'qualified with the knowledge of the 3. learned tongues'—a qualification which, strictly enforced, would have excluded the Keeper, whose want of acquaintance with Hebrew drew upon him more than one rebuke, from participating in the work he had instigated.

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That a work of this character should be promoted by the Library is evidence of the part it was designed to take in the theological controversies then rife. From its earliest days special attention had been directed to the acquisition of a complete collection of the writings of Protestant theologians, and it was probably not contrary to the wish of the Founder, and certainly not to that of the first Keeper, whose controversial writings were regarded almost as official publications of the Library and even of



the University (Letter 164), that the Bodleian was at that time the centre of a narrow and exceedingly militant Protestantism. When it became only too evident (though hope was never entirely abandoned) that the royal manuscripts were not destined to enrich the Bodleian, Sir Thomas Bodley, convinced that without these the Library was insufficiently supplied with Patristic texts, not only declined to take any part in the work, but even assumed an almost hostile attitude towards the efforts James continued to make to carry out the undertaking. Now that his own interest in the collation had lessened, he was able to see, as he had already seen when Dr. James had been invited to become a member of one of the Oxford committees for the preparation of the Authorised Version of the Bible, that Library affairs would inevitably suffer from the Keeper's devotion to other work, and, though he gave permission for the use of the Library as the meeting-place of those engaged in the collation, he repeatedly warned the Keeper to remember 'that nothing be omitted, while that worke is in hand, of the duties belonging to the custodie of the Librarie' (Letter 156). Dr. James made an effort to take part in the collation (to which four hours were each day assigned) and at the same time to discharge fully the duties of his office during the six hours which constituted his day's work, but, finding this impossible, asked to be allowed to borrow books from the Library. Permission was refused and Bodley went so far as to maintain that the whole of the ten hours could be spent in the Library, though it is not easy to see how that would have been possible during the winter months without a breach of the regulation which forbade the introduction of artificial light.

It was to work of this character rather than to Library affairs that Dr. James desired to devote his energies. He had apparently accepted the office of Keeper under the impression that the duties attached to it would be light, and that he would find ample opportunity to pursue his studies in theology. Disappointed in this

expectation he made constant efforts to secure such a position in the Church as would make it possible for him to resign the Keepership and thus secure the leisure he desired. He made full use of all the influence that Bodley and others among his friends possessed in the endeavour to obtain preferment, sending petitions to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the Bishops of London, Lichfield, and Durham, Sir Thomas Lake, Sir Henry Savile, and others, with but little success, while the dedications prefixed to the printed Catalogue and to his published theological writings were entirely ineffective. During the period here under review he succeeded only in obtaining presentation to two small rectories, that of St. Aldate's, Oxford, in 1602, and that of Midley in Kent in 1609.

But though the Letters of these years deal so largely with the Keeper and his theological writings, the more immediate concerns of the Library were by no means neglected. In the letter in which Sir Thomas Bodley had made the offer to restore the Library he had undertaken to make provision both for its maintenance and for its future government. Having some years earlier, with the help of Sir Thomas Lake, obtained a license for the endowment of the Library with lands, &c., in mortmain to the annual value of 200 marks, on May 31, 1609, he informed the Vice-Chancellor that he had executed deeds by which the Library would be endowed at his death (for during his lifetime he proposed himself to defray, as heretofore, the charges of its maintenance) with the manor of Hindons, which he estimated would produce £91 10s. yearly, and with tenements in London which would add annually the sum of £40 to that amount: in some manuscript notes contained, with other papers in his handwriting, in MS. Wood F. 27, he adds that 'if all that I gaue were cleane out of lease, it would yeld by the yere aboue thirtie poundes more, then the present reuenuue doth com to'.

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Later in the same year he at length forwarded to the Vice-

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Chancellor his 'Draught of Statutes' for the Library. Some time before the Library had opened its doors to students he had already drawn up 'Certaine general headdes of statutes for the gouernment of the Librarie' (MS. Wood F. 27) which contain in brief form practically the whole of the provisions afterwards embodied in his draft. Thinking, however, that a more satisfactory code of regulations could be devised after some experience of the actual working of the Library, he had proposed in his letter of March 27, 1602, to the Vice-Chancellor, that the compilation of a body of statutes should be delayed for a year, those of the older foundation being in the meanwhile observed. The one year had lengthened into seven before his proposals were submitted to Convocation on October 27, 1609, when Delegates (of whom the Keeper was one) were appointed for their consideration. A few small changes were introduced, the most noteworthy of these being that by which the 'honest poore scholler' who had hitherto discharged the duties of 'cleanser' was replaced by the Porter or Janitor, who, unlike the former, was expected to be on duty at all times when the Library was open to Readers, and who consequently received a salary of £8 per annum as against the 13s. 4d. a quarter paid to the cleanser, which Bodley in his draft had proposed to increase to £4 a year. The Statutes were translated into Latin by Dr. Budden (added for that purpose to the number of the Delegates) and passed by Convocation on June 10, 1610. In spite, however, of the long time taken in their preparation and also in the deliberations of the Delegates, the Statutes were at once found to be defective. Their amendment was delayed till 1613, and, pending revision, Bodley continued to regard the Statutes as 'not fully confirmed' and consequently inoperative, and on more than one after occasion felt himself at liberty to contravene the regulations he had himself drawn up.

The  
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ers' grant.

Another event of the year has had far-reaching effects. On December 12 the Stationers' Company made a grant of a perfect



copy of every book 'printed in the said Companie of Stationers', the first book to be received under the agreement (which was sealed in Convocation on February 27, 1611) being *The Christian religion substantially, methodicallie, plainlie, and profitablie treatised*. 'For the stationers gifte', Bodley writes on February 26, 1611, 'I am of your opinion, that it is to be accounted, a gifte of good moment: & I thinke I had hardly thought vpon it, if yow had not moued the mater at first: for the effecting wherof, I haue found notwithstanding many rubbes & delaies' (Letter 201). The same 'rubbes & delaies' were for many years encountered in obtaining the books as they had been in securing the grant, the Stationers of that time and their immediate successors having frequently neglected to send their publications to the Library, though it should not be forgotten that on the other hand Sir Thomas Bodley was not always willing to place those he had received in the Library, seeing 'no good reason to alter my opinion, for excluding suche bookes, as almanackes, plaies, & an infinit number, that are daily printed, of very vnworthy maters & handling' (Letter 221).

Two of the three events which make the year 1610 one of the most memorable in the annals of the Library have now been briefly narrated—the confirmation by Convocation on June 10, 1610, of the code of Statutes for its government which retained substantially its original form for three centuries, and the Stationers' grant, which has been the chief means by which the Bodleian, with 1,500,000 volumes on more than 25 miles of shelving, takes rank as the greatest among University libraries. A third of no less importance now claims attention—the beginning of the enlargement of its buildings by the construction of an additional wing, known as Arts End owing to the books classified in that section having been transferred thither, the foundation stone of which was laid on July 19, 1610. Rich in records relating to its earliest years the Bodleian still possesses in MS. Bodley 510 a list of the

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titles of books (arranged according to the classified and alphabetical sections into which they were then divided) added to it in the years immediately following the issue of the Catalogue in 1605. The entries in this volume were evidently made by the Keeper year by year, and their number shows that the estimate made in 1604 of an annual increase not exceeding 200 volumes was unduly low, for, though the additions were considerably less in these than they had been in the previous years, they were yet sufficiently numerous to fill up most of the spaces left vacant on the folio shelves and to more than fill the shelves allotted to the octavos. Notwithstanding that the accommodation for the latter had been largely increased in 1605, the list indicates that they had completely filled the shelves in 1608, and that it was necessary to place those received after that year in the lower part of the Library. The question of extension thus became one of some urgency, and the fact that the most pressing need was of shelves for the octavo accessions is shown by the anxiety Bodley displayed, when the internal fittings of the new building came under consideration, that the largest possible amount of space should be provided for volumes of that size. In his fear that the Library might be at some future time 'scanted of roome' he even proposed that 'double-rowing' should be adopted as a principle, each shelf being made deep enough to contain both a row of quartos and also one of octavos.

Sir Thomas Bodley set himself to the task of providing what was needed with all the zeal, thoroughness, and deliberation which he habitually devoted to the affairs of his new Foundation. He appears to have considered various plans for the extension, one of which, endorsed by him 'Librarie plotte', is to be seen in MS. Wood F. 27. The drawing is somewhat rough and without measurements, and shows only the lower part of the room. It represents a building of about the same breadth as that afterwards erected, but of little more than half its length, and having a large window in the

centre of the eastern wall, and three narrow windows in the north and south walls. The change afterwards made, by which a large window was substituted for the three small ones at each end, was doubtless due to a change in the system of book-shelving adopted. The method almost universally followed hitherto was that, still to be seen in Duke Humfrey's Library and in many of the older college libraries, of placing the book-cases, not against the walls, but projecting at right angles from them. Placed in that position both sides of the cases, instead of one only, can be used and the system, now again adopted in newly-fitted parts of the Library, is undeniably economical of space while all the books are well lighted—a matter of no little importance when they were chained to the shelves and could not be carried to the neighbourhood of a window. A continuance of this method of book-storing was contemplated when the plan in the Wood MS. was drawn. In it provision was made for eight book-cases running the length of the building, north to south, in two lines. The plan shows one of these cases placed against each of the two wall spaces between the three windows at the north and south ends, with a second case placed in line with each of these four cases and separated from it only by a narrow passage-way, a fairly large space being left unoccupied in the centre of the room for administrative purposes. The method of shelving in cases placed against the walls, which was then coming into use in continental libraries, was that in the end adopted, and, though it was not altogether unknown before, Arts End is the first instance of its use on a large scale to be found in England. Early in 1610 the erection of the new building was fully decided on, and the work of construction was entrusted to John Acroyde who had recently been employed in building the southern extension of Merton College. The first stone was laid on July 19, 1610, and the Letters of that and the two following years deal largely with the construction and fitting up of this building, every detail of which was carried out



according to Bodley's instructions. In spite of increasing ill-health he made frequent visits of inspection, while Mr. Brent, Mr. Gent, the Keeper, and others formed a vigilant band of overseers of the workmen employed. The work progressed somewhat slowly, and it is doubtful whether Sir Thomas Bodley ever saw the fully completed building which had been, as he says, 'one of my greatest worldly cares'.

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ments.

He had not, however, waited for the first extension of the Library to be finished before setting to work to provide for a further and still greater enlargement. Influenced no doubt to some extent by the Stationers' grant which promised to ensure to the Library a steady stream of new publications, he was now convinced that its growth would be at a far more rapid rate than he had at one time anticipated. On November 5, 1611, he addressed a letter to the Vice-Chancellor, in which he suggested the rebuilding of the Schools, and in his will provided that, if two storeys were erected by the University, a third should be carried round the three sides as a 'very large supplement for stowage of bookes', and further for 'the performance of some bewtifull enlargement at the west end', which was effected in 1634-40 by the erection of what some years afterwards became known as the 'Selden End'.

Delegates  
of the  
Library.

During the whole of the time over which the Letters extend the Library was completely dependent on Sir Thomas Bodley for the payment of all charges incurred in its maintenance. Even when making provision for the endowment of the Library he stipulated that the grant should take effect only after his death, he in the meanwhile continuing to make payments as before. Each quarter the Keeper sent a detailed list of the small debts he had discharged and, having carefully scrutinised the separate items of the accounts, Bodley sent money (usually in the form of bills drawn on Oxford tradesmen) in repayment, together with the sums necessary for the payment of the stipends of the Keeper and

his assistants. As he thus made himself entirely responsible for all expenses connected with the administration of the Library, so he retained almost entirely in his own hands the direction of its affairs. A body of twenty Delegates, replacing a small committee appointed by Convocation on March 30, 1598, was constituted on April 13, 1602, for the administration of the Library, but appears to have concerned itself only with the arrangements for the opening ceremony and the qualification required of those who were permitted to make use of the Library, and to have taken no further part in its management. Two other bodies of Delegates were appointed later, one in 1609 for the consideration of the proposed Statutes, the other in 1610 to deal with the construction of Arts End. As to the last-named body Sir Thomas Bodley writes of being 'gladde that my courses are so pleasing to the Delegates' (Letter 190), and the sentence seems to show that this body, as doubtless also the others appointed earlier, was advisory only and that Sir Thomas Bodley reserved to himself full power to accept or reject the recommendations they made. It was not till the Statutes were passed that a permanent board of Curators (then known as Visitors) was established, and the fact that the alterations found to be necessary in the Statutes immediately after their confirmation by Convocation in June 1610 were not made till November 1613 makes it probable that the Visitors began to take part in the management of affairs only after Bodley's death in the preceding January.

But though the Founder claimed and exercised the right of decision on all Library matters he was by no means unwilling to listen to representations made to him by the Keeper and others whose opinions he valued. 'As I haue done heeretofore', he writes on one occasion, 'in whatsoeuer action, litle or great appartaining to the Librarie, so I purpose heerafter, to proceede in all thinges with aduise, and with hearing what my frindes, of the better sort for iudgement, can obiect to any proiect' (Letter 21),

and he was thus not infrequently induced to act against convictions strongly held and even strongly expressed. Holding, for instance, the opinion that under the Keeper there should be no officer but 'onely some body that yow shall appoint to sweepe and keepe cleane the bookes, and deskes, and flower [floor] from dust: which would be done, in my opinion, while your self shall be present' (Letter 53), and having later demonstrated the utter impossibility of the appointment of an Under-Keeper, he nevertheless sanctioned the appointment both of the Under-Keeper and also of the Janitor—the latter at the suggestion of the Delegates—in spite of a profound conviction that the safety of the books in the Library was endangered by every addition to the number of persons allowed access to books that were unchained, and of the fact that these additions to the Staff of the Library added appreciably to the cost of its maintenance.

The  
Founder  
and the  
Keeper.

A somewhat similar instance, and one in which the change was more rapidly effected, is afforded by his attitude towards the Keeper's marriage. One of the conditions attached to the office of Keeper of the Library was that the occupant should be unmarried. Of this condition Dr. James desired to be relieved within a few months of his having begun the active discharge of his duties. He therefore applied to Sir Thomas Bodley for consent to his marriage and also for an increase of his somewhat exiguous stipend of £20 a year. In answer he received a long expostulation on his 'vnseasonable and vnreasonable motions', but less than twelve months later, faced with the alternative of the loss of the Keeper's services, Bodley very reluctantly gave his consent to the marriage, thereby becoming 'the first breaker of my owne Institution'. In thus consenting to the breach of a determination which he had taken from the outset and which he resolved should afterwards 'stand inuiolable', he was chiefly moved doubtless by the desire to retain the services of one who appeared so eminently qualified for the Keepership, but also it would seem by something approaching



personal affection towards Dr. James. 'I did euer . . . affect yow from my hart', he writes on one occasion, and without attaching undue importance to the formulas with which the Letters end, one can hardly think that expressions such as 'your owne in all affection', 'your owne most louing', 'your louing and very assured frind' are entirely devoid of meaning. Not improbably the feeling of favour with which he at first regarded James was afterwards somewhat lessened and at no time did it act as a deterrent to plain speaking. Bodley was by many years the elder of the two, and this, together with the relationship in which they stood to each other in the Library, led him to endeavour to exercise over the Keeper's actions both with regard to the Library and in other matters, a control which the latter could not but have considered excessive and in some instances almost humiliating. The correspondence appears indeed in the main to have been conducted as between friends and equals, notwithstanding the dictatorial strain which is not infrequently in evidence. To Bodley at times the Keeper appeared to be negligent, inattentive to his duties, a dilatory correspondent, and a careless and incompetent cataloguer. That he was often sorely tried by James is only too evident, as it is also that a keen sense of disappointment underlies Bodley's real appreciation of the merits of one who is justly entitled to be ranked with the greatest of librarians. At an early age James had consecrated his life to other objects and it was out of his power to offer, what the Founder had vainly hoped to secure from the Keeper, the same all-absorbing devotion as that which Sir Thomas Bodley himself bestowed on the 'Publique Librarie in the Vniversitie of Oxon' of which 'the perpetuall preservation support & maintenance . . . dothe greatly surpasse all my other worldly cares'.



## CONSPECTUS OF THE LETTERS

- I. In this edition and in *Reliquiae Bodleianae* (1703)
- II. In *Reliquiae Bodleianae* and in this edition



# I. 1926-1703

Conspectus of the order of the Letters in this edition and in  
*Reliquiae Bodleianae* (1703)

1926	1703	1926	1703	1926	1703	1926	1703	1926	1703	1926	1703
1	6	40	55	79	45	118	†—	157	90	196	173
2	11	41	32	80	10	119	189	158	95	197	185
3	2	42	76	81	41	120	178	159	188	198	146
4	12	43	13	82	1	121	131	160	187	199	172
5	4	44	79	83	70	122	140	161	101	200	164
6	7	45	77	84	64	123	215	162	134	201	225
7	15	46	43	85	80	124	119	163	159	202	135
8	81	47	19	86	17	125	161	164	205	203	98
9	53	48	42	87	16	126	223	165	192	204	87
10	52	49	21	88	154	127	106	166	84	205	155
11	5	50	48	89	26	128	139	167	86	206	150
12	14	51	33	90	108	129	82	168	216	207	219
13	8	52	46	91	153	130	144	169	129	208	170
14	3	53	49	92	83	131	221	170	124	209	222
15	18	54	35	93	106*	132	132	171	176	210	97
16	20	55	68	94	92	133	127	172	211	211	186
17	44	56	38	95	113	134	182	173	210	212	166
18	62	57	60	96	227	135	145	174	88	213	165
19	25	58	69	97	212	136	121	175	228	214	193
20	40	59	58	98	120	137	218	176	125	215	128
21	74	60	36	99	147	138	141	177	196	216	194
22	30	61	54	100	208	139	204	178	107	217	226
23	65	62	37	101	123	140	199	179	126	218	169
24	75	63	28	102	164*	141	174	180	171	219	197
25	39	64	72	103	160	142	112	181	198	220	†—
26	24	65	114	104	111	143	118	182	220	221	167
27	27	66	63	105	102	144	117	183	158	222	109
28	51	67	73	106	207	145	138	184	103	223	168
29	67	68	143	107	156	146	99	185	116	224	85
30	61	69	133	108	122	147	110	186	157	225	100
31	34	70	29	109	201	148	91	187	163	226	148
32	71	71	175	110	151	149	217	188	213	227	184
33	66	72	209	111	202	150	162	189	183	228	229
34	57	73	9	112	206	151	214	190	130	229	105
35	56	74	142	113	115	152	94	191	180	230	203
36	78	75	22	114	104	153	190	192	191	231	137
37	23	76	224	115	96	154	200	193	181		
38	50	77	47	116	89	155	177	194	195		
39	31	78	59	117	136	156	93	195	149		

† omitted.

## II. 1703-1926

Conspectus of the order of the Letters in *Reliquiae Bodleianae* (1703)  
and in this edition

1703	1926	1703	1926	1703	1926	1703	1926	1703	1926	1703	1926
1	82	40	20	79	44	117	144	157	186	196	177
2	3	41	81	80	85	118	143	158	183	197	219
3	14	42	48	81	8	119	124	159	163	198	181
4	5	43	46	82	129	120	98	160	103	199	140
5	11	44	17	83	92	121	136	161	125	200	154
6	1	45	79	84	166	122	108	162	150	201	109
7	6	46	52	85	224	123	101	163	187	202	111
8	13	47	77	86	167	124	170	164	200	203	230
9	73	48	50	87	204	125	176	164*	102	204	139
10	80	49	53	88	174	126	179	165	213	205	164
11	2	50	38	89	116	127	133	166	212	206	112
12	4	51	28	90	157	128	215	167	221	207	106
13	43	52	10	91	148	129	169	168	223	208	100
14	12	53	9	92	94	130	190	169	218	209	72
15	7	54	61	93	156	131	121	170	208	210	173
16	87	55	40	94	152	132	132	171	180	211	172
17	86	56	35	95	158	133	69	172	199	212	97
18	15	57	34	96	115	134	162	173	196	213	188
19	47	58	59	97	210	135	202	174	141	214	151
20	16	59	78	98	203	136	117	175	71	215	123
21	49	60	57	99	146	137	231	176	171	216	168
22	75	61	30	100	225	138	145	177	155	217	149
23	37	62	18	101	161	139	128	178	120	218	137
24	26	63	66	102	105	140	122	180	191	219	207
25	19	64	84	103	184	141	138	181	193	220	182
26	89	65	23	104	114	142	74	182	134	221	131
27	27	66	33	105	229	143	68	183	189	222	209
28	63	67	29	106	127	144	130	184	227	223	126
29	70	68	55	106*	93	145	135	185	197	224	76
30	22	69	58	107	178	146	198	186	211	225	201
31	39	70	83	108	90	147	99	187	160	226	217
32	41	71	32	109	222	148	226	188	159	227	96
33	51	72	64	110	147	149	195	189	119	228	175
34	31	73	67	111	104	150	206	190	153	229	228
35	54	74	21	112	142	151	110	191	192		
36	60	75	24	113	95	153	91	192	165		
37	62	76	42	114	65	154	88	193	214		
38	56	77	45	115	113	155	205	194	216		
39	25	78	36	116	185	156	107	195	194		







# I

SIR, M<sup>r</sup> Principal Hawley,<sup>1</sup> hath sent me some part, of your Cambridge collections: which were worthy the copien<sup>g</sup>, for their age and antiquitie: though they giue but litle light, for any point that was in doubt, about the builders and building of our third erected Librarie.<sup>2</sup> Howbeit it should appeere, by M<sup>r</sup> Principals letter, that yow haue better stuffe behinde, to cleere many doubt<sup>es</sup>, that may concerne that whole fundation. This makes me long for your returne, though I would not yow should hasten, to leaue any thing vnobserved, that is there to be had of any worthe,<sup>3</sup> ether touching our fundations, or the order, and statutes, and regiment of their Libraries: <sup>4</sup> which also I hope, they will impart, without any scruple.

Within this fortnight, I trust, I shall haue ended with my carpenters, ioiners, caruers, glasi<sup>ers</sup>, and all that idle rabble: and then I goe in hand, with making vp my barres, lockes, haspes, grates, cheines, and other gimmoes of iron, belonging to the fastning and riuetting of the bookes: which I thinke I shall haue finished, within two or three monethes.<sup>5</sup> But of this and other maters, we shall heereafter conferre, at very good leasure. In the meane while, I can not

LETTER I.—<sup>1</sup> John Hawley, Principal of Gloucester Hall, generally referred to as 'M<sup>r</sup> Principal', who took an active part in the affairs of the Library.

<sup>2</sup> Now known as 'Duke Humfrey's Library'. MS. Wood F.27 contains transcripts of documents relating to the older University libraries made by Sir T. Bodley and Dr. T. James.

<sup>3</sup> James was engaged in cataloguing MSS. in Cambridge Libraries. His *Eclogæ*

*Oxonio-Cantabrigiensis* was published in 1600.

<sup>4</sup> On a visit to Cambridge in 1604 Bodley thought the Libraries there 'very meanely stoared, and Trinitie college worst of all' (Letter 105).

<sup>5</sup> The 'mechanical workes' had been brought 'to some good passe' before June 25, 1600. See Hearne's *Joannis Glaston. chronica*, vol. ii, p. 618.

but enioine yow, to be carefull of your health, and not to be more lauishe, then yow must of mere necessitie, in wearing out your eies, with the transcripts of those dustie, and rustie parchment manuscripts.<sup>6</sup>

your trewe affected frind

From Aino [Aynho] Dec. 24. [1599].      Tho. Bodley.

Yow must by no meanes omitte, to take good notice of their orders, in placing and disposing their librarie bookes: whether they doe it, by the Alphabet, or according to the Faculties.<sup>6</sup>

I haue a brother dwelling at Bluntsham,<sup>7</sup> within 10. miles of Cambridge: to whome I would intreat yow, to conuey the inclosed by suche meanes, as yow may ether finde out by the Cambridge London cariar, or by some other where yow are.

## 2

**S**IR, taking pen and inke and paper to write vnto yow, I am called suddainly away, with an vrgent occasion. Your mony is paid, as yow may see by the ticket heerewith. The next weeke yow shall not faile to heare from me. In the meane season adieu

your vnfcined frind

L<sup>o</sup>. Feb. 9. [1600].<sup>1</sup>      Tho. Bodley

<sup>6</sup> Books in the Bodleian were divided into the Four Faculties of Theology, Law, Medicine, and Arts, with further subdivisions by size into folio, quarto, and octavo, and in each of these twelve sections by the first letter of the authors' names. See *B. Q. R.*, vol. i, pp. 283-

285.

<sup>7</sup> Miles Bodley, Rector of Bluntsham 1586-1612.

LETTER 2.—<sup>1</sup> The Letter is addressed to Trinity College, Cambridge. See Letter 1, note 3.

3

SIR, With your very kinde letters of the last and this weeke, I haue receaued your Catalogue<sup>1</sup> which hath many good bookes: for which the whole Vniuersitie will giue yow thankes, and I in their behalf and mine owne, doe it first very hartely. If yow gette in any bookes, of other mens giftes, I pray yow, as yow promise, lette me presently see their Catalogue. Suche as purpose to giue mony, shall neede no Catalogue of my bookes, (for that course would be tedious and endles) but if they minde to giue bookes of their owne stoare, or otherwise, if they shall send to yow, or to me, the names of suche as they could spare, I will choose out those, that I doe want: which must be an answear to all men. I thanke yow for writing to those your other frindes, whom yow nominat: but Doctor Philip Bisse,<sup>2</sup> among the rest, hath bestowed already ten poundes. Mr Heriot<sup>3</sup> had bin spoken withall by Mr Allen, before your letter came to me: and to day, or to morowe, I shall receaue his gifte: which I thinke will be greater for the qualitie then quantity. Among your bookes, there be some bound together, of which, some fewe are but parcels of Autours, whose workes I haue whole, as Caluin, Melancthon, Bucer, Martyr, likewise Sasbout I haue whole. But the rest in a maner all, are special good bookes, and suche as I haue not, aswell the printed as manuscript. Of your lesser bookes, as Crowleis answear &c. The beginning and ending of poperie, A booke of the old God and the newe, the brutish thunderbolt &c. with some fewe other litle ones, because I knowe them not, and and [*sic*] make doubt of their goodnesse, I leaue to your owne discretion, to keepe, or reiect.<sup>4</sup> Also I thinke that some of yours will be aptly bounde with

LETTER 3.—<sup>1</sup> The first of the two donations made by James in 1601. See Letter 5 for the second. It is to be noticed that Bodley uses the word 'Catalogue' for any list of books.

<sup>2</sup> Archdeacon of Taunton.

<sup>3</sup> Is not found in the Donations-register.

<sup>4</sup> They are not entered in the Catalogue printed in 1605.



some of Mr Gents:<sup>5</sup> which if yow finde to be so, it will saue yow so muche charge, for that I purpose my self to disbourse for him, whatsoeuer shall be requisit for the binding of his bookes.<sup>6</sup> Among Mr Copes<sup>7</sup> bookes I will picke out the best, and reteine more then I meant at the first. Howbeit I would intreat yow to send me a note of those which in your iudgement yow take to be the chiefest. I pray yow commend me to your brother of Christch.<sup>8</sup> and your self very hartely.

your affectionat frind

Tho. Bodley.

London May. 15. [1601].

I had forgotten to tell yow, that I take your Sigonius de Antiquo iure Rom. &c. not to be the best / for which, if yow please it may be omitted

## 4

SIR, This bearer comming by Burnham,<sup>1</sup> I thought to intreat yow in a worde, to lette me knowe by your next, what difference yow made betweene Biblia Vulgatæ editionis Sixti Quinti printed A°. 1592. whiche I had among the Erle of Essex<sup>2</sup> bookes, and the other, which yow caused me to buy of Norton,<sup>3</sup> of which I doe not

<sup>5</sup> William Gent gave books in 1600 and 1601. He was a member of the Committee appointed on March 30, 1598, to deal with the affairs of the Library, and is frequently mentioned in the following Letters as taking an active part in matters relating to the Library.

<sup>6</sup> Those who gave books to the Library were generally expected to pay for their binding. Bodley's method of providing for the cost of binding when the donor of the books was unlikely to do so is shown in Letter 26.

<sup>7</sup> Afterwards Sir Walter Cope.

<sup>8</sup> Edward James, the Librarian's elder brother, who became Rector of Freshwater in the Isle of Wight in 1604, and

Canon of Christ Church in 1614. He gave books to the Library in 1601, and appears to have assisted in the work of the Library in its early years.

LETTER 4. — <sup>1</sup> Near Maidenhead. Bodley appears to have ceased to reside there at the end of 1602.

<sup>2</sup> The Earl of Essex was one of the earliest benefactors to the Library. His donation was made before Feb. 7, 1599. See *B. Q. R.*, vol. iii, pp. 239-44.

<sup>3</sup> John Norton, bookseller and publisher, who supplied a large number of books to the Library. He was Master of the Stationers' Company in 1607, 1610, 1612. Gerard's *Herbal* was one of his publications. See Letter 80.

well calle to minde the yere, but that I thinke it was printed A° 1595. Once I remember yow put a difference between the one and the other, forgetting what it was. I pray yow also with your next, signifie the yere of the print of Auicens woorkes, which yow shall finde vnbounde in my chamber in Oxon, and whose comment it is vpon him. Also I writte of late, of somewhat els vnto yow, which is out of my remembrance, but because I finde by M<sup>r</sup> Principals letter that yow receaued it, I hope your next letter will cleere all my doubtles, till when and euer I rest

your affectionat frind

Tho. Bodley

Burnham May 26. [1601].

I will, God willing, to London againe on thursday, and tarie a good while.

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SIR, I am fully satisfied about the Bibles. And as concerning those bookes of your owne, of which yow make your second offer, I haue none of them as yet, onely Dante excepted. As for L'Histoire de France soubz Francois 2. L'estat y<sup>e</sup> [*sic*] France soubz les Rois Henry &c. Historia Belgica rerum memorabilium &c. thei are not muche in my opinion to be esteemed, for that I suppose thei are comprehended in the greater volumes of Histories, which I haue and shall haue. Les premieres &c. de Portes, if any worke of his were not after published will be hardly worth the keeping: and I doubt your Magia naturalis is not the best and last edition. If it be, it is good, and so are most of all the rest, of which I pray yow cast to your former heape what yow please, and I will also adde to my former thankes, as muche as I can heape of my affection to your self. I pray yow thanke your brother, and commend me hartily vnto him. I haue opera Mathematica Schoneri, but whether so good and so faire, I knowe not, being chested in Oxford. Likewise Bonatus is there, but I doubt it is not faire, nor ioined with Haly. I will at my coming,

ming, which shalbe presently after Midsommer, conferre his and mine together. M<sup>r</sup> Schoolmaster of Wintons<sup>1</sup> gift of Melancthon, and Huss I doe greatly esteeme, and will thanke him, if yow will, by letter, if he shall not be at Oxon, at my comming thither. M<sup>r</sup> Draper I hope to see, and knowe, and thanke my self at my comming, as likewise M<sup>r</sup> Haidocke, M<sup>r</sup> Ridley, and M<sup>r</sup> Vrrey, whose bookes are all of worth, and deserue the accepting with many thanks. If I could gette Lomazius in Ital. to be ioined with M<sup>r</sup> Haidockes<sup>2</sup> English it would deserue a good place in the Librarie. Lette me knowe by your next the proper names of M<sup>r</sup> Draper, Ridley, Vrrey, and the names of M<sup>r</sup> Schoolemaister, that they may be recorded accordingly. Withall I pray yow send me worde whether that limmer be in London, and where he is lodged, of whome yow told me at Oxon last. Those which these gentlemen offer, I pray yow take into your handes, that we may haue the lesse buisnesse at my comming. Wherewith I bidde yow hartely a dieu.

your affectionat frind  
Tho. Bodley.

L<sup>o</sup>. Iune 4. [1601].

## 6

SIR, Yow haue yet omitted the name of the schoolmaster of Winton, which I must knowe of necessitie, for the keeping of my Catalogue. If M<sup>r</sup> Barlowe<sup>1</sup> will be pleased to send me or yow a catalogue of his MS, I will note those vnto him, which I haue not as yet, of which after he may giue, as best shall like himself. I thanke M<sup>r</sup> Thorne<sup>2</sup> for his kinde offer of that psalter: but if it be that of

LETTER 5.—<sup>1</sup> Benjamin Heydon, M.A., New College, sometime a Master at Winchester College. He became Dean of Wells in 1602.

<sup>2</sup> His translation of Lomazzo's *Trattato dell' arte della pittura*. The translation (published in 1598) was dedicated to Bodley

as founder of Oxford's Pambiblion.

LETTER 6.—<sup>1</sup> Ralph Barlow of Oriel College, afterwards Dean of Bath and Wells, gave MSS. in 1606.

<sup>2</sup> William Thorne, Regius Professor of Hebrew 1598–1604.



Nebiensis, with five languages, besides two translations in latin, I haue it already printed at Genua 1516: albeit it is like, that his in velam will be the fairer.

I would intreat Mr Principal to gette my 2. vol. of the Heb. Bible, assoone as he can, from Dominicke,<sup>3</sup> for that I would not any bookes of price should rest long in his handes. I pray yow send me worde by your Mundaies cariar,<sup>4</sup> howe long yow coniecture the corde must be, to reache from the globes<sup>5</sup> on the table, to some place where the pulley must be fastned in the rooffe, considering withall that it must be doubled, by reason of a weight to counterpoise the globecase. For so doe I, vpon report, conceaue of that of Alsowls college. Which is all wherewith I will presently trouble yow, vnles it be to intreat yow, to salute my frindes, suche as yow can conceaue I would salute.

your assured frind

Tho. Bodley

From London. Iune 12. [1601].

If Mr Principal shall want stringes<sup>6</sup> for the lesser sort of bookes in 8°. and 16°. I would pray him to buy som inkle, ether white or couloured, at his pleasure.

<sup>3</sup> Dominick or Dominique Pinart, an Oxford bookbinder. See S. Gibson, *Abstracts from Wills*, p. xxiii. The Bible is pressmarked B. 1. 5, 6 Th.

<sup>4</sup> Two carriers plied between Oxford and London, one ('the University's carrier') leaving Oxford on Monday and arriving in London on Tuesday, the other starting on Wednesday and returning to Oxford on Saturday. The latter was bound by the University's regulations to 'provide some honest man to deliver every man's letters by Sunday

noon at latest'. See *Oxf. Univ. Reg.*, ed. A. Clark, vol. ii, pt. 1, pp. 315-19.

<sup>5</sup> Placed in the East End of the Library. They cost £20. See Letter 176. At a later date Bodley was desirous of selling them at any price they would fetch, but was finally persuaded to allow them to remain in the Library.

<sup>6</sup> At this time books were shelved with the fore-edges (not as now, the backs) outward. The strings were intended to prevent the books from opening out. See *B. Q. R.*, vol. i, p. 137.

Sir,

SIR, I make full account, to be in Oxford my self, at the lest 9. daies before the vespers day,<sup>1</sup> which I take to be the 11. Iuly. and I will order the mater that my bookes shall be there before. In your letter by this cariar yow signifie that 24. yardes of corde will serue for ether of the globes, which I doe not well conceaue. For me thinkes 24. yardes were too muche for one, that I should coniecture, yow meane by ether, bothe, allowing 12. yardes to eche pulley.

I pray yow explicat your self in your next, and aswell, as yow can by writing, lette me knowe, howe the globecase of Alsowels college is fashioned, and howe it is drawen vp and downe. Whether it be counterpoised with a weight, and howe muche it may weigh: whether the pulley be of iron, or timber: whether the case rest close to the table wheron it standeth, or it haue feete for the better taking vp: and what yow list besides. For I must heere prouide for all these thinges, doubting in Oxford, I shall nether haue the leasure, nor meanes, to haue any thing well done. Also signifie I pray yow, whether it be tied to the corde by a ring, or otherwise. Which is all at this present, wherewith I will trouble yow.

your assured frind

Tho. Bodley

London. Iune 17. [1601].

SIR, I haue not as yet bin at London, but I purpose thither, about the end of this weeke, or on Munday next, at the furthest, where I shall be desirous, to heare howe all is liked, by your Acte Spectatours of the Librarie.<sup>1</sup> I pray yow keepe a priuat note to your self, of

LETTER 7.—<sup>1</sup> Vespers were disputations held on Saturday, the first of the three daysover which the 'Act' extended. Vespers day was on July 11 in 1601.

LETTER 8.—<sup>1</sup> Who had doubtless been allowed to inspect the first books to be placed in the Library which had been sent at the end of June. See Letter 9 and note 1.

all suche bookes as yow shall finde to be double,<sup>2</sup> and make them knowen but onely to me, for auoiding suitours, that will be desirous to haue them. Withall I could wishe, that yow kept secret to your self, whatsoeuer defectes or imperfections, yow may finde among the bookes in the binding, or otherwise, as yow sawe there were many in the binding of my L. Chamberlaines.<sup>3</sup> For it may be that all suche errours and defectes will be, vpon your report, talked of more and otherwise, then were meete. I long to heare howe the Vicechancelour hath proceeded, in proposing my Catalogue of the last Benefactors in your publike Conuocation,<sup>4</sup> and what order hath bin taken vpon it. If D. Reinoldes<sup>5</sup> haue perused the Greeke Choniata, and conferred it with his, I would willingly knowe the difference. Of these particularities and of what els yow list, I would be glad to heare from yow, and rest the while and euer

your most affectionat frind

Burnham. Iuly 15. [1601].

Tho. Bodley

9

SIR, The general liking of the Librarie doth greatly content me: and faine I would answear their desires, which would haue it frequented, out of hand: but so many cheines, as shall be requisit, can not suddainly be made, nor many thinges more perfourmed, which apperteine vnto the place, and the bookes, and to the dignitie and state of an action begonne with so great expectation. The necessitie of hauing casements, will soone appeere heereafter, and they may be quickly had. But I am of opinion, that when this present heat, which is very vnusual, shall be slaked, there will be litle cause, to complaine againe this twelue moneth. I pray yow keepe a note, of the bookes

<sup>2</sup> Duplicates of books known to be in the Library were frequently accepted and afterwards sold. See Letter 26.

<sup>3</sup> Lord Hunsdon.

<sup>4</sup> Printed in Hearne's *Joannis Glaston. chronica*, vol. ii, pp. 622-25.

<sup>5</sup> President of Corpus Christi College 1598-1607.



that are double, and lette me haue it, with the Catalogue, which I desire should be written as your owne, with placing the fol<sup>o</sup>. bookes by themselves in the Alphabet, and then the 4<sup>to</sup>. &c. I doe not thinke that yow shall finde, aboue one or two bookes of a sort, that are double, being newe bought. But among M<sup>r</sup> Gents, there were diuers newe bound, which may seeme newe bought, when I had the same before, not knowing what bookes he would giue in his later gifte : whereby thei felle to be double. Howbeit we shall haue time enough and meanes, to make them away with very litle losse : and my desire is, that yow would be very sparing, in acquainting others, with suche bookes : or with any other imperfection, in this first collection.<sup>1</sup> I would willingly vnderstand, what fault is founde with the cheines. For I knowe thei will catche, but yet lesse then any, that I haue seene. At my departure from Oxford, last, M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour did promise, that I should haue the copies of suche letters as should be written to Sir Io. Fortescue, and the B. of Hereford,<sup>2</sup> which I pray yow procure and send vnto me : and signifie withall, by whome and when they shall be sent. I would also vnderstand to whome it was resolu'd, that the Vicechancellours should addresse their particular letters of thanks, in the Vniuersities name : which importeth very muche, for the encouraging of other gentlemen, to be done with good respect. I would intreat yow, to speake to M<sup>r</sup> Principal, to send me a note what volumes are superfluous, and what is wanting in Menochius workes. Likewise at your good leasure, I would request a catalogue of euery one of their bookes, which were procured there by yow in the Vniuersitie, to witte of M<sup>r</sup> Ridleis M<sup>r</sup> Drapers, the

LETTER 9. — <sup>1</sup> The books hitherto collected had been placed for the most part in Bodley's 'gallerie' in London, though some (see Letters 4, 5) were 'chested' in his chamber in Oxford. They were to be sent so as to arrive in Oxford before July 2. See Letter 7, and cp. Bodley's letter to Sir R. Cotton printed in *Original letters of eminent literary*

*men*, edited (for the Camden Society) by Sir H. Ellis, in which, writing on June 6, he proposes 'to place all the bookes (in the Vniuersitie Librarie) that I haue hitherto gathered, within these three weekes'.

<sup>2</sup> Herbert Westfaling, Bishop of Hereford 1586-1602.

schoolemasters of Winton, your brothers &c. to the end I may put them downe orderly on my register. My hope was and is that the greatest part of our Protestant writers<sup>3</sup> will be giuen: but whether they be or no, they shall all be had, before the place be frequented. I pray yow be not weery of writing often to me. For the good disposition of all thinges in the Librarie doth greatly depend vpon our continual correspondence. And thus for the present I bidde yow hartely adieu.

your affectionat fast frind

July 22. London. [1601].

Tho. Bodley.

I pray yow remember to send me an example of their handes, whose writing yow commended vnto me, at my being in Oxon.

IO

SIR, I receaued your note by M<sup>r</sup> Gent of our newe benefactours, among which I like best M<sup>r</sup> Braibrookes offer, which would be solicited dextrè and speedily, but without importunitie, as all voluntarie offers. If he send his bookes hither to me, I will giue him a note of my hande, of so many receaued to the Vniuersities vse, as it shall be heereafter publikly registred: and yow may promise the like, if he send them vnto yow: and so yow must to as many, as bestowe any bookes: which would be called on, with all the good speede, that conueniencie, fitte time, and good maners will affourd. For many mens mindes doe alter so soone, as it will be requisit alwaies, to open the poake when the pigge is presented. It will be needefull I should knowe in what bookes yow will bestowe M<sup>r</sup> Wrotons 40<sup>ss</sup>. and M<sup>r</sup> Bakers 20. wherein I can helpe yow very litle, being ignorant, what bookes are there with Ioseph Barnes.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>3</sup> See *B. Q. R.*, vol. iv, pp. 94, 95.

LETTER 10.—<sup>1</sup> Joseph Barnes, bookseller, bookbinder, and printer, is fre-

quently mentioned in the Letters. He printed the first Bodleian Catalogue (1604-05).

But

But hauing taken the Catalogue, yow may soone finde out, what bookes are vnought.

Yow told M<sup>r</sup> Gent, as it seemeth, that M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour is desirous, to knowe to whome he should addresse his letters of thankes in the Vniuersities name. I haue heere in a schedule sent my opinion, which I pray yow impart to M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour, and signifie withall that I and my seruice are at his disposition.

your trewe affected frind

From London. Iuly 25. [1601].

Tho. Bodley.

## II

SIR, Still I thanke yow very hartely, aswel for your letter, as for your other notes and schedules. And first for Crosseleis writing, it is too muche sette in my opinion, wheras I would haue it more cursorie: in which kinde I doubt his is not very commendable. For the letters of his wordes, are vneuenly made, some being longer then their felowes, which is a very great fault in a sette hand: which I speake of his Romane.<sup>1</sup> I goe to morowe towards Burnham, and happely from thens, when my priuat buisnesses are ended, I will make a start to Oxon, which may happe within these 10. daies: and then I will conferre, with yow and my frindes of all at length: which I pray yow make knowne to M<sup>r</sup> Gent and M<sup>r</sup> Principal. Of all the bookes that yow haue noted to be double, yow shall finde there are fewe, that were so bought: as at my comming I will shewe yow. Some Autours I haue taken purposely twice, being printed in diuers places and yeres, As Phauorinus in Rome and Basil. Others were ill bounde, and noted in the margine, or otherwise touched, of which I sent some in the first chestes, for which I sent better copies in my last, as Paulus Æmylius, Sabellicus &c. There were also diuers

LETTER 11.—<sup>1</sup> Bodley was extremely critical of the handwriting of others. See Letters 18, 47, 97, 141.



copies of one autour, which being giuen and not bought, I sent purposely to Oxon, thinking there to make them away at a better reckning then heere: in which kinde was my psalters in 6. tongues. Some I tooke double by reason of some treatises annexed, as Carolus Bouillus &c. and there are others double, for that some edition came fourth with newe additions, as diuers of Menochius workes. There are also som Autors, of whose workes I had diuers parcels giuen, whiche yet I thought good to buy them whole & entire. There were also other respectes, for sundrie other double copies: albeit in some, it was through forgetfulnesse. But when I come to Oxon I will take a course with them all, not finding it so needefull, to doe it out of hand. For still a good autour, will be changed for an other, or bring with him home his price. Among the contributours, whose bookes yow haue sette downe, there is wanting Fitzherbert, Vrrey, Bailey. Astouching the Catalogue general, albeit I haue them all on my bookes, yet there are at the lest of them 300. which I had neuer the leasure, to put downe vpon my Alphabet: which makes me desirous, to haue yours assoone as yow may conueniently: because I knowe it must be perfect, the bookes being taken in their faculties, and by way of their Alphabet, as they stand on their shelues. Suche a one it is that yow, and I, and the hutch<sup>e</sup> must haue. And vnles yow and I agree about one Alphabet, there will falle out inconuenience. As for determining vpon any as yet, to be laid vp in the hutch<sup>e</sup>, it is too timely, and will require more conference, then we doe cast vpon as yet. For I haue often mused of it. That entercourse of aduertising eche other of suche bookes as are ether of gifte, or bought a newe, is very requisit, and shall be kept as precisely as my leasure will permitte. And therfor when your Alphabetical catalogue is sent vnto me, I will sette downe euery day, whatsoeuer I receaue, praing yow to signifie whether yow

<sup>2</sup> Called also 'The Grates', 'Grated Places', 'Grated Rowmes'. The book-cases, now marked Arch E. F., contained the more precious volumes which the Statutes directed the Keeper himself to give out to readers.

comprehend

comprehend therein all those bookes of which yow sent me this last catalogue, together with your owne. When any manuscript is sette vpon my Register, of any mans gift, although it can not but proue very tedious, to nominat in particular all of a volume, yet it must be done of the chieffer sort, lest the goodnesse of mens giftes, be not made apparant, to their full content. In all these buisnesse [*sic*] doe not ouer toile and tire your self, nor embrace not more worke, then yow can welde very easely. For we shall haue time at will: and thinges done in hast, must be twice done at last: which is the counsaile I take my self, and giue vnto yow as to my self, and therwith wishe vnto your welfare, actions, and endeouours as I doe vnto my owne.

your trew affectionat frind

From London Iuly 29. [1601].

Tho. Bodley.

I would alwaies entreat yow, that any defectes among the bookes may be but knowen to your self, and not descanted on abroad. /. Though I goe from hens to Burnham, yet your letters will be still conueied vnto me, and two daies sooner or later, yow shall receaue my answear to any thing of moment. All this I haue scribled, being grieuously pained with the stone.

## 12

SIR, This weeke I receaued one of yours, and an other the last. With this I had a Catalogue of your brothers bookes and some others: for which I thanke yow very hartely: and I pray yow also from me thanke them all, and your brother in special, whose gifte about the rest, is of very good worth. I doe earnestly expect your general Catalogue, for that I can not goe forward in Nortons shoppe, in buieng more bookes, vntill I haue it from yow. I pray yow hartely hasten the transcript, and deliuer it M<sup>r</sup> Gent, who will bring it

it with him hither, and then I will to London: from whens assoone as I returne, I will presently to Oxon, and order all thinges there, to your and euery mans content. I am glad of that honour which yow did to D. Dun,<sup>1</sup> wherewith yow wonne to your self a great deale of credit, and did honour to him to his great contentation. I am sorie the Vniuersitie letter to Sir Io. Fortescue is vndeliuered. It is not endited, as I could haue wished, if I had bin present: but yet it will serue, though it serue the woorse, for comming so slowly. I would request to knowe by your next, to whiche of those that I haue formerly named, M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour hath addressed his letters. For as a gratefull acknowledgement is requisit, so speede in the doing will grace it muche. Of Sir Iohns comming to yow I can signifie nothing yet. Commend me to all my good frindes

your affectionat owne

Burnham. Aug. 14. [1601].

Tho. Bodley.

13

SIR, That which yow were tolde, of the drie fatte of bookes, was but a drie iest. For neither Ascanius,<sup>1</sup> nor any man els, that I can learne, hath heard it heere. Of the forme of your gowne, at my comming to Oxon, which I purpose, God willing, about the end of the next weeke, we shall determine what is best. What course I could wishe to be taken, with suche honest gentlemen, as haue lately bin promisers, but no perfourmers as yet, I can not say directly, because I am ignorant, to whome their promises were made, and with what wordes. Whatsoeuer your self shall doe in that behalf, I would neither haue it done in the Vniuersities name, nor in mine, but merely of your self, for that ether they haue passed their promises vnto yow, or happely to others, that were willed to impart it to yow.

LETTER 12.—<sup>1</sup> Dr. Daniel Dun who gave £10 in 1601.

LETTER 13.—<sup>1</sup> Ascanius Yetsewitt, publisher and bookseller.

They



They would all, according to their qualities, be called on with great respect: and those that are giuers, should be onely told, that their giftes shall be notified to the Vniuersitie, and not be thanked in the Vniuersities name, by ether yow or me: for which we haue no commission, as they will easely coniecture. At my comming to Oxon we shall agree vpon a forme, to bothe our likinges.

You write of one M<sup>r</sup> Burdet, that hath a purpose to doe somewhat, but because I knowe not his dwelling, I can not, as I would, solicit him by letter. M<sup>r</sup> Valent. Knightley hath bin euer a welwiller to this Ereccion of the Librarie, but I neuer heard yet, of his offer of 50<sup>li</sup>. I doe vtterly dislike the sending of letters to D. Cæsar,<sup>2</sup> and the Deane of Pawles,<sup>3</sup> by the common cariar. For it ought to be done with more regard, by some mans deliuerie of good account, to whome the addresse of those letters, should haue bin recommended, in these partes. Yow make mention in your last, of an Alphabetical Catalogue of all the writers names, required by me, in some former letter: which is not rightly vnderstoode, or not plainely sette downe, by me in my letter. For I desire no other, then suche as yow haue sent: for which I thanke yow very hartely. Onely this is defectiue, that where there are diuers autours bounde together, yow place all their names many times, vnder the first autours surname. As, with Picardus de Prisca Celtopædia, yow ioine Smithus de Pronunciat. ling. Græ. &c. and put not Smithus at all, in the letter S, but onely, in P. whereby when I turne mine Alphabet, to see whether Smithus be bought, missing him in S. I take him as vn Bought.<sup>4</sup> Againe I did

<sup>2</sup> Sir Julius Caesar gave £10 in 1601.

<sup>3</sup> Alexander Nowell, Dean of St. Paul's. He died on Feb. 13, 1602.

<sup>4</sup> In the numerous instances of two or more works being bound in one volume the place of the volume in the alphabetical order of books on the shelves was determined by the initial letter of the name of the author of the work placed first in the volume. See

Letter 42 and note 2. In the Catalogue here referred to, the remaining works in each of these volumes appear to have been entered with the first, and consequently in many cases in the wrong letter of the alphabet. In the printed Catalogue of 1605, which is largely a reproduction of the shelf-lists, means were found to surmount the difficulty. See Letter 119, note 2.

alwaies wishe, that in the setting downe of an Autours title, yow would place his surname first, and not the Argument : as where yow put, Thesaurus dictionum Iuris &c. autore P. Cornelio Brederodio, I had rather write Brederodij Thesaurus &c. For to finde out an Autours name, yow shall runne ouer a letter, a great deale sooner.<sup>5</sup> But heerof and of all other pointes requisit, we will common at Oxford. I haue heerewith sent yow a catalogue of certaine bookes manuscript. which I am told I shall haue from the Church of Exon,<sup>6</sup> by my brothers procurement. Which is all my present mater, As yet I haue not seene Sir Richard Lee,<sup>7</sup> but I haue written vnto him, and I hope, er be long, to haue a sight of his bookes, of which I nether knowe the number, nor the qualitie. And thus for the present I bidde yow a dieu.

your very assured frind

Tho. Bodley.

London. Aug. 26. [1601].

I pray yow commend me very hartely to M<sup>r</sup> Harrison, and in-treat him from me, that if he haue occasion to write to Beely, he would request M<sup>r</sup> Sheldon to giue his cheine man leaue to be at Oxon the 4. of Sept.<sup>8</sup> For then God willing I minde to be there

# 14

SIR, Concerning your letter of the 8. of this moneth, I haue not nowe the leasure, so to answer it all, as ether I am desirous, or some pointes therof require. But yet if yow please, to weigh that litle that I write, with a ballance of a staied and vntroubled iudge-

<sup>5</sup> Some further notes on principles of cataloguing are in Letters 21, 50, 51. Letter 62, in which Bodley writes *Compendium Theologicae Verit.* per Io. de Combis, shows that he did not always observe the rule he here lays down.

<sup>6</sup> See Macray, p. 28.

<sup>7</sup> Sir Richard Lee, Ambassador in Muscovy, who gave MSS. in 1602, and later the famous 'Muscovy cloak'. See Letter 224, and Macray, pp. 431-34.

<sup>8</sup> i.e. in order to chain the books to the shelves.

ment, I doe not doubt but I shall giue yow very good satisfaction. And first where yow wonder at my suddaine flatte denial of your continuance in that place, if so be yow should be maried: I did wonder as much, to see yow come vpon the suddaine, when I was ready to depart,<sup>1</sup> and require to be resolued, what yerely stipend yow might trust to: because yow meant, as yow saied, to resigne your fellowship very shortly, and might determine withall, to take a wife: for whiche your state would haue neede, of 40<sup>li</sup>. stipend at the lest. This your abrupt and vntimely demaund, with some vnusual termes and wordes, did seeme to me so very strange, as I complained vnto yow, of your ouer late proposal, of a mater of that weight, when I was ready to begonne. Howbeit mine answeare, I am sure, was frindly and considerat. That yow should alwaies be assured of 20<sup>li</sup> from me,<sup>2</sup> and that in time I made no question of raising it further to 20 or 30. more: wherof notwithstanding, I could not as yet giue any assurance. But for the point of your mariage, I might by no meanes yelde vnto it:<sup>3</sup> holding it absurd in yow or in any, for sundrie great respectes: nether did I, as I signified, see any necessitie of giuing ouer your fellowship. Yow did charge me then, and now againe, with a promise

LETTER 14.—<sup>1</sup> See Letter 13, *post-script*, in which Bodley proposes to be in Oxford on Sept. 4.

<sup>2</sup> The Librarian's stipend was at this time £20 per annum with, as the post-script to this Letter shows, an allowance of 13s. 4d. a quarter to the servant who cleaned the Library and performed other miscellaneous duties. In his letter of Mar. 27, 1602 to the Vice-Chancellor, Bodley proposed that £6 13s. 4d., the salary assigned to the Librarian of the older University Library, should revert to the Librarian on the next vacancy in the Lady Margaret's Readership, to which it had been transferred on the dissolution of the older Library. He undertook to pay

the additional amount in the meantime, and the first payment at the increased rate (£6 13s. 4d. a quarter) was made in the following June. The amount was increased in December to £7 1s. 8d. to include 13s. 4d. paid quarterly to the Cleaner. By the Statutes of 1610, the salary was fixed at £33 6s. 8d. per annum from the Library funds, and £6 13s. 4d. transferred from the Lady Margaret's Readership. It is uncertain whether the transfer was ever made. The first payment at the increased rate out of the Library funds was made at Lady Day 1613.

<sup>3</sup> Bodley finally gave his consent to James's marriage. See Letter 45.



two yeres past, that howsoever I dealt with others, I would dispense with your mariage. I can not calle to minde, that euer yow and I had any speeche of that mater: but true it is, that once in talke among our frindes, where yow might happely be present, I did cast out suche a worde, that howsoever I dealt with others, I could incline to beare with yow. Which I spake out of my loue and affection vnto yow, and not vpon aduise, or a setled resolution. And therfore they to whome I spake it, did wishe me by no meanes, to be the first my self, that should open suche a gappe to disorder heereafter. And your self besides, did alwaies affirme, that yow were alienissimus from any suche cogitation. This yow could not denie, when yow and I conferred: but answered to me, that whatsoeuer yow had vttered in any former speeche, it was not in your power, to say yow would not marie. Howe it was, or was not, I will not dispute: but considering your yeres, I had reason to imagine, that it might be in your power: and nowe by your letter yow doe put me out of doubt, that it shall be so, for these three yeres: whereas at Oxford yow told me, that yow might happely marie shortly. And where yow take it vnkindly, that I should say, there were many, that would be glad of your place, I had farre greater cause to complaine of your vnkindnesse, which enforced me then, to deliuer those wordes. For in good sooth it seemed then, by all your maner of communication, that yow had an intention, if yow were not presently satisfied, for those 2. pointes, of your stipend and mariage, that yow would immediatly forbear to proceede in your office: as if no man els could be gotten, or I were muche bounde vnto yow, for the executing of it. Wherupon I thought it fitte, to intimat vnto yow, that I could quickly finde a successour: and therewithall alleaged, that yow disappointed me exceedingly, both in that yow vrged me, to assure yow of a stipend, and to tolerat your mariage, wherein yow knewe well enough, what was my resolution from the very beginning. I signified further, that by this your vnconstancie, I should be presently vnprouided of an other able person, whome in all this time,

I might haue trained and framed, for the Vniuersitie seruice. In good sooth I could expostulat very worthely with yow, for these your vnseasonable and vnreasonable motions. But good M<sup>r</sup> Iames, lette me tell yow my minde somewhat boldly, but frindly, and also shortly, for that I can not for my buisnesse be so long, as I wishe, for your better contentation. It hath euer bin a note of your special good frindes, that yow are very muche inclined to embrace and vndertake many thinges, to poursue them egerly a while, and then vpon the suddaine, to giue them ouer cleane: not thinking best of those your frindes, that would haue yow well aduised before yow take in hand, and then immutable in perfourmance. As for me, I protest vnto yow faithfully, whatsoeuer yow obserued in my gesture or countenance at my being last in Oxford, my loue and liking towards yow, was not altered a whitte: but the change in very deede, was altogether in your self, occasioned, as I feare, by some melancholicke humour, representing vnto yow those wrong apparitions, and vngrownded conceates, of my desire to remoue yow: which God is my witnesse, were neuer no parcel nor point of my purpose. I did euer from the time of our first acquaintance, affect yow from my hart: and they did me but right, that reported vnto yow, howe I thought my self happy in the choise of your person. For so I did, and shall doe alwaies, if those conditions may content yow, with which of force I must proceede: and to which, if yow shall yelde, going forward in your function with that constancie and courage, as yow haue hitherto begonne, if I haue any sparkle of a sounde and solide iudgement, yow will procure within these 2. yerres, more sufficiencie and knowledge, for mater of learning, and more estimation and credit whereby to worke your owne preferment, then by any whatsoeuer your attemptes, and endeouours, of any other nature: which what I may doe to aduance and sette forward, if yow can haue the patience to attend opportunities, yow shall see effected to the vttermost. Thus wishing to that humour which bredde the subiect of this letter, all the purging that may be, and your self all the good that your hart  
can



can desire, I betake both yow and all your actions, to Gods good direction.

your vnchangeable frind

From Burnham. Sept. 11. [1601].

Tho. Bodley.

I haue intreated Mr Principal to deliuer yow 5<sup>li</sup>. 13<sup>s</sup>. 4<sup>d</sup>. for Michaelmas: which I wishe I could make a hundredfold more.

15

SIR, With your letter of the first of this moneth from London, I receaued my Catalogue, but without any note of those bookes in 4<sup>to</sup>. and 8<sup>o</sup>. which perhaps are already in the Librarie. For which I haue caused Nortons man, to take out the names of those a part, which are in 4<sup>to</sup>. which I pray yow peruse, and send me worde if yow can, by your Mundaies cariar, which yow haue already, or shall holde as needeles to be bought. Melancthon, as yow haue signified is reprinted, but the old, which I suppose yow haue already, is better, for that as I heare, there are diuers faultes in this. I am but newly com to towne, but I will equire [*sic*] after D. Edwardes and D. Birde, and those donations made vnto the Vniuersitie. What is done about the Librarie, sins your returne, I shall be glad to knowe by your next, and what yow please besides: wherewith I rest

your trewe affected frind

London Oct. 15. [1601].

Tho. Bodley.

16

SIR, I hartely thanke yow for your letter, and your notes vpon the Catalogue, which I sent of bookes in 4<sup>to</sup>. This weeke and the next I doe purpose to buy, and put out many to binding: of which heereafter I will send yow the names. I knowe not yet what to say

LETTER 16.—<sup>1</sup> Mentioned in the preceding Letter.



to your motion, about my L. Lumley. But I will learne his estate of body (for that of late he was sicke) and vse the aduise of frindes, for that which yow propose. Sins my Last vnto yow, I haue bin out of London, vntill yesternight, for which I had no opportunitie, to talke with the Doctours Birde and Edwardes. I shall meete with Mr Knightley and vrge him to that, which he seemeth to promise. Before yow exchange your double bookes, I will request yow to informe me, for what, and howe, for that happely my aduise may stand yow in steede. I am hartely sorie, that yow are vexed with the stone, which no man hath knowen better then my self, to be ex vehementiss. dolorib. But if it be of the kidneis, the danger is not great. If yow finde a fitte workman, for the cheining of my bookes, I pray yow sette him a worke, and keepe a note of your charge which I will remburse, at my next comming thither. Otherwise if yow please, stay may be made till the cheine man bring his next course of cheines, and then I will take order that he shall doe them all together. I would also intreat yow, to putte to your account, whatsoeuer yow pay from time to time for the cariage of your letters vnto me, which shalbe answered with the rest, and with special thanks for all.

your most affectionat frind

London. Oct. 23. [1601].

Tho. Bodley.

# 17

**S**IR, As touching the Scriuenour with yow, I must differ my resolution, till I see his hand writing, and come to Oxon my self: which I purpose to doe assoone as I can, and I thinke will falle out, soone vpon the holidiaies. I will also then resolute, concerning the enlarging of the grated deskes. I pray yow sollicite your Cambridge frind, about the transcript of a leafe, of that old Register, that we may

may serue our turnes with their deuise. The B. of Duresme<sup>1</sup> hath giuen me his worde for 50<sup>li</sup> vnto the Librarie, wherof er be long, I will by letter giue notice, to M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour. He is also half-resolued, to take Oxon in his way homeward whiche may happely be, within these eight daies: which if it so happen, a short sweet welcom<sup>2</sup> of your part vnto him, will come fitly to passe. I pray yow commend me to M<sup>r</sup> Haidocke, and make muche of your self.

your euer assured

Tho. Bodley.

London 22 Dec. [1601].

18

SIR, Being newly come hither, I finde your letter and Catalogues, for which I thanke yow very hartely: hauing sent yow nowc by the cariar 500. clippes, of which I knowe not what want yow may haue: and withall towards 5<sup>li</sup> weight of wire, which is, as I suppose, of a good conuenient cise. Of suche bookes as are double, onely one of eche kinde shall neede to be cheined, vnles yow hold it requisit, to keepe two of some one sort: which I referre to your discretion: as likewise the allowing of more partitions for suche letters, in any facultie, as are filled already: for which I pray yow take space enough, because we shall haue many more yet of those letters,<sup>1</sup> which yow haue chiefly specified. I can not but like very well of your seruants writing in the secret letter,<sup>2</sup> albeit I coulde wishe that his hand were not so smalle altogether. I am also of opinion that his Roman hand will proue faire. Onely methinkes that forme of his letter g is not of the best. I would request M<sup>r</sup> Haidocke,

LETTER 17.—<sup>1</sup> Toby Mathew, Bishop of Durham; afterwards Archbishop of York.

<sup>2</sup> The Librarian usually addressed speeches of welcome to distinguished visitors to the Library. See Letters 46, 137, 190.

LETTER 18.—<sup>1</sup> Books were in each of the divisions arranged under the initials of the authors' names. See Letter 1, note 6.

<sup>2</sup> i.e. in a secretary hand, a style of handwriting for legal documents.

to procure claspes assoone as he can, for M<sup>r</sup> Vic.<sup>3</sup> 2. great volumes, to the end they may be cheined with the rest in the Librarie, where they will stand as a faire ornament. For the cariage of these and all thinges els, vpon the sight of your note, when I com to Oxon, I will see all answered, and I thinke to be there at Shrouetide, or in Lent. I pray yow in your next send me worde, whiche of M<sup>r</sup> Deane of Pawles<sup>4</sup> bookes, are already in the Librarie, and so fare yow hartely well

your affectionat frind

Tho. Bodley

London. Ian. 22. [1602].

The note heerinclosed I pray yow deliuer, to Henry Balle<sup>5</sup> of Gloc. halle and salute M<sup>r</sup> Principall.

## 19

SIR, For your Heb. bookes, the mater is not great, if they be not cheined, at this next comming of the Smith: for when I come to Oxon, I will make yow out their Catalogue and dispose them in their celles, in which they may be so placed, as the feare of embezeling will be smalle. And so for those that want claspes: for ether they may be clasped after they be cheined, or not being many, reserued for the next time of cheining. Or in case yow doubt of their safetye, both the Hebrewe, they vnclasped, and the double bookes, of whiche only one, or two of some kinde (which I referre to your discretion) must be cheined, may all be shutte vp in your closets. I thanke yow for sending Mesua, and for your care in seeking to change the double bookes for som others in S<sup>t</sup> Iohns, or

<sup>3</sup> George Ryves, Warden of New College 1599-1613, Vice-Chancellor in 1601-02. His gift was a Latin Bible in two very large volumes, now pressmarked Auct. E. infra 1, 2.

<sup>4</sup> Alex. Nowell, Dean of St. Paul's.

See Letter 13, note 3.

<sup>5</sup> Henry Ball was Bodley's stepson. He matriculated at Gloucester Hall on Oct. 31, 1600, and was admitted a reader in the Bodleian, June 22, 1605.



for mony, wherewith others may be bought, wherein I shall allowe whatsoeuer yow conclude, albeit if your leasure may serue, to heare my aduise, we shall helpe eche other the better. I doe earnestly expect that gentlemans name that made the report of M<sup>r</sup> Contrrollers<sup>1</sup> intention. Yow shall haue more wire by the next. There is one that hath written *Regulas vtriusque Iuris* printed at Lions 1587. I pray yow in your next send me his name, whether he be the autour, publisher or collectour. For I haue the like offered, and I knowe not whether it be the same, or some other, then that which yow haue among the lawe bookes. I haue written to M<sup>r</sup> Vic. for 2. publike letters of thankses, to the B. of Duresme, and Chapter of Exon, which M<sup>r</sup> Principal will procure to be effected.

your trewe affected frind

Tho. Bodley.

Ian. 29. [1602].

## 20

SIR, If yow could signifie vnto me, where and howe those places should be framed, for the custody of the Manuscriptes, I would willingly put it in present execution: but your closets<sup>1</sup> are for lesser bookes, whiche will be rowme litle enough, and the grated places<sup>2</sup> will suffice but for a fewe, that of force all your manuscripts must be cheined with the rest, vnles yow reserue some of the rarer, and most esteemed, to be within the grates, or the closets. And as for your proposal, to haue them cheined vpon shelues by them selues, that will come to one purpose, as if they were cheined mixtly with the rest. For the opportunitie of embezeling, will be in a maner as ready that way as the other. As withall I hold opinion, that among

LETTER 19.—<sup>1</sup> Sir W. Knollys. His donation was reported to the Vice-Chancellor in a letter from Bodley printed in Hearne's *Joannis Glaston. chronica*, vol. ii, pp. 625, 626.

LETTER 20.—<sup>1</sup> The Librarians' studies at the East End of Duke Humfrey's Library.

<sup>2</sup> See Letter 11, note 2.

the printed, there will be very many, not much lesse to be respected, then som of your rarer manuscriptes. And therfor my opinion is still, that they should be cheined as the rest, reseruing onely the most singular and rare for your closets or the grates, and committing all the rest, to the trust which we must repose in mens othes, and consciences. Astouching the figuring of the bookes<sup>3</sup> with great letters, as it is not so needefull to be presently done, so at my comming to Oxon, I will impart vnto yow, what inconuenience I conceaue may ensue, for whiche I desire, it may be better digested. For that, as I thinke, yow are busied at this present in perfecting your Catalogues, I thought to aduertise that the Catalogue, which yow writte out heere for my vse, is very imperfect. For hauing occasion within these 2. daies to looke vpon it, I found by chaunce Auerroes omitted, and Abucasæ methodus medendi: and where Drusius workes were printed in seuerall places, as at Franck. Antw. Leiden, yow haue sette them downe, as printed all at Franckford: and there are of them, not named at all, for that, as I imagine, they were bound some 2. or three together, and yow perhaps looked onely on the first. As in Hoseam, whiche happely yow shall finde with Tremellius in Hos. also in Amos, and perhaps some others, not sette downe at all, which yet yow shall finde: and happely the like may falle out in diuers other volumes, where diuers autours, or treatises be ioined together. Likewise I finde Melancthonis opera sette downe, without expressing the place or yere, or number of volumes. Offucius de Astrorum facult. is put among bookes in 4<sup>to</sup>. it being in f<sup>o</sup>.<sup>4</sup> Whiche I signifie

<sup>3</sup> Books were placed with their fore-edges outwards. Folios bore on their fore-edges numbers only, quartos and octavos the letters and Faculties to which they belonged, together with their numbers in sequence. Bodley appears to have considered the 'Tables' a sufficient guide to the books on each of the shelves. Pressmarks are not entered in the Catalogue (MS. Rawl. Q. E. 31) written for Bodley's use in the autumn

of 1602, but are added to the titles given in the incomplete Catalogue compiled in 1603 or 1604 (MS. Bodley 763). Cp. Letter 113 (Nov. 14, 1604) in which James's 'figuring' is commended.

<sup>4</sup> The book *is* a quarto and still retains its original pressmark 4<sup>o</sup> O 1 Art. In early shelf-arrangements many quartos were placed with the folios. See Letter 120 and note 1, and also *B. Q. R.*, vol. i, p. 289; iv, p. 195.



vnto yow, to the end that in making your newe catalogue, yow might doe it leasurely and perfittly, by going ouer the bookes themselves, and not by trusting to your former Catalogue. For I stand in doubt, as there hath bin an errour in these, so there is in sundrie others, sith this felle out, vpon a smalle viewe, whiche I made by happe, in seeking for some bookes. I haue heerewith sent yow a note of all Drusius workes, of which I would willingly knowe which are wanting, to the end they may be bought. As farre as I remember onely in *Minores Prophetas* was vn Bought, and not heere to be had. I pray yow doe me the fauour, to salute M<sup>r</sup> D. Bonde<sup>5</sup> from me, and sith it was his pleasure, besides the gifte of his 10<sup>li</sup>. to make offer of some bookes of his owne stoare; if it stand with his good liking, I would willingly knowe the autours names, which he will part withall, to the end I may not buy them heere, being busied at this present, in buieng and binding a great quantitie. Which I pray yow so signifie with my kindest wishes to his welfare. M<sup>r</sup> Burhil<sup>6</sup> of Corp. Christi coll. is the bearer heerof, whose booke I shall request yow to place in the Libr. and so to signifie vnto him. I would likewise intreat yow, to tell M<sup>r</sup> Catagre, that my hatter hath sent him a hatte, whiche he shall finde at the carriers directed to himself. Commend me lastly and principally to M<sup>r</sup> Principal and M<sup>r</sup> Allen, and desire M<sup>r</sup> Princ. to calle vpon Keies for the doares of the grates to be reformed with the soonest. Forgett me not to M<sup>r</sup> Haydocke, your brother and yourself, and so I bidde yow most hartely adieu

your owne assured

Tho. Bodley

[Feb. 1602].

It were well that the cheinman were sent for with the soonest, and I will send yow more wire by the next

<sup>5</sup> Nicholas Bond, President of Magdalen College 1590-1608.

<sup>6</sup> Robert Burhill, of Corpus Christi College, who is said to have assisted Sir Walter Raleigh in his *History of the*

*World*. The work referred to is probably his *Britannia Scholastica* (MS. e. Museo 132) a Latin poem in 10 books which is dedicated to Bodley.

Sir,



## 21

SIR, As touching your Catalogue, which yow writte for me in London, I should haue litle reason, to thinke to finde it in perfection, considering then your troubles. But my desire is onely nowe, that in making a newe, yow would take the paines to doe it by the bookes themselves, and that very exactly and deliberately. For I doe finde every day many errours in the former, of sundrie sortes. As for example in the letter B. onely I doe see these omitted in Diuinitie. Bonauenturæ 1<sup>a</sup>. 2<sup>a</sup>. 3<sup>a</sup>. et 4<sup>ta</sup> pars 5. vol. f<sup>o</sup>. /. Beda de temporum ratione. /. Barth. de Medina in 2<sup>am</sup>. partem Tho. / Biblia vulgatæ edit. f<sup>o</sup>. Par. 1567. /. Barth. de Medina in 1<sup>am</sup>. 2<sup>æ</sup> Tho. / Biblia Castalionis. / Bibliotheca Sixt. Senens. besides diuers others in the same letter. Moreouer I should thinke it fitter to place Lex. Heb. Auenarij.<sup>1</sup> / Grammat. Heb. Bertrami,<sup>2</sup> among your Art bookes: for that lexicons and grammars are no more for one science then an other. Seeking for Hier. Torrensis Confessio Augustiniana, I doe find it in A. which would be placed as all others in T. being the Autours surname. As concerning the placing of the MS. I see no good occasion as yet, for which I should be moued to alter my opinion, for cheining them together, and mixtim alphabetical wise with the printed bookes.<sup>3</sup> Or els if yow please, they may be reserued all vncheined, vntill my comming, to the end we may then proceede with good deliberation and conference together, and take the opinion of some others. For wheras nowe yow alotte 9. partitions for the MS. in diuinitie, as I should coniecture, those MS. which yow haue there already, with the rest which I haue from Exon, and yow

LETTER 21.—<sup>1</sup> The work has always retained its original classification. In 1605 its pressmark was A. 2. 3 Art.

<sup>2</sup> See Letter 103 where the classification of this work was again objected to.

In the printed Catalogue (1605) it is placed in Theology, its pressmark (which it still retains) being 4<sup>o</sup> B. 2 Th.

<sup>3</sup> See B. Q. R., vol. i, p. 288.

expect from Worcester,<sup>4</sup> will goe very neere to fille vp all your 9. spaces: and perhaps within these 2 yeres, twice as many will be added.

As for figuring the bookes with letters, and fixing some catalogues, for a trial to the Tables,<sup>5</sup> though some doe like it well, perhaps for their ease, in their present study there: yet others are not forced, as I am, whome it toucheth somewhat neerer, to meditate muche vpon it, and to cast on all inconueniences, so as thinges may be done to euery mans best liking: which will neuer be so, if mens first apprehensions be presently practised. For it is an old trewe dunsticall saing, *Ad pauca respicientes de facili hallucinantur*. I should be sorie to see many bookes figured, which can not choose but prooue a disfiguring vnto them, vnles the like order be taken with the rest: which ether can not be at all, or not done as yet. And so for fixing the Catalogues, I would pray yow to forbear it, vntill we may conferre, at my coming vnto yow. For I am lothe to doe thinges by halfes, which is to doe and vndoe, and subiect our irresolutions to many mens iust censures. As I haue done heeretofore, in whatsoever action, litle or great appartaining to the Librarie, so I purpose heerafter, to proceede in all thinges with aduise, and with hearing what my frindes, of the better sort for iudgement, can object to any proiect. To M<sup>r</sup> D. Bonde I will write God willing, by the next. Georgij Veneti *Harmonia Mundi*, which is one of his bookes, I had before, and as farre as I remember *Freculphi Chronicon*. Yow haue omitted the places and yeres of the printing of his bookes, whereby I can not sette them downe on my Catalogue. But nowe it shall not be so needefull, sith yow are busied, in collecting a newe catalogue, whiche I doe very earnestly and often recommend to your diligens and care, to see perfourmed in perfection. And so commending your

<sup>4</sup> The books from Worcester Cathedral Library appear not to have been obtained.

<sup>5</sup> Affixed to the end of each bookcase, and containing the titles of books in the case.

welfare, with all your actions and endeouours to Gods good direction,  
I bidde yow hartely adieu.

your true affected frind

London. Feb. 5. [1602].

Tho. Bodley.

## 22

**S**IR Your letters are come in suche a time to my handes, as I haue not the leasure, to make any kinde of answer. Your Vniuersitie letter to the B. of Durresme<sup>1</sup> I pray yow keepe in your custody, till my comming to Oxon: which shalbe, God willing on Munday or Tuesday.

your assured

Feb. 18. [1602].

Tho. Bodley

## 23

**S**IR, I receaued all my Catalogues, within your frindly letter, for whiche and for your paines, I thanke yow very hartely. And where yow wishe me to gette Mollerus on the Psal. I tooke order about it with Io. Bille,<sup>1</sup> who is gone to the Mart, three weekes past. Athanasius yow haue there already, and Lactantius I haue heere of the gift of the old Deane of Paules. Likewise of Blessensis yow haue one copie printed, and an other written in parchment, ioined, as I thinke, with Phil. Presbyter, or some other like autour. Yow shall haue clippes enough sent vnto yow, before your cheinman returne. Of the wire that yow receaued sins my departure, I forgotte to tell

LETTER 22.—<sup>1</sup> See Letter 17. The donation having been received after the Act of 1601, is entered in 1602.

LETTER 23.—<sup>1</sup> John Bill was apprenticed to John Norton (see Letter 4, note 3) on July 25, 1592, and admitted a Freeman of the Stationers Company on Jan. 19, 1601. He published books

between the years 1604 and 1629, and was employed in travelling through various parts of the Continent to obtain books for the Library. He visited among other places Paris (Letter 46), Venice, Rome, and other Italian towns (Letter 70), and also Seville (Letter 114).

yow,



yow, at my being in Oxon. I pray yow deliuer the inclosed to D. Bonde, which is written with many thankes, for his bountifull gift of bookes: and with a note of the first sentence, and the imperfection of that manuscript Psalter,<sup>2</sup> which is heere to be bought. Forgette not in any wise, to ioine with M<sup>r</sup> Allen,<sup>3</sup> in selecting those bookes of Worcester Lib. as will be for our turne. If the Bishop of Exon<sup>4</sup> come to visit the Libr. I pray yow obserue his speeches, and liking or disliking, and in your next, lette me knowe it: wherewith I rest, (your kinde brother most kindly remembred) your owne assured cuer,

Mar. 4. [1602] London.

Tho. Bodley

24

SIR, I receaued your letters of the 8. and 10. March at Burnham: whens I returned no answear presently, because I determind to doe it, at my comming to London: wheare I meant to haue bin the last weeke, but for suddaine occasions of my stay. I will not faile to take a time, for yelding of thankes to M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour, for his singular kindnesse but whether I should take notice of a mater of that qualitie, from any but himself, I can not as yet very well resolued [*sic*].<sup>1</sup> Howbeit for your particular, I can, and will, when yow please finde sufficient opportunities, to winne his good fauour in your occasions. I pray yow in your next send me worde, what day he

<sup>2</sup> Dr. Bond possessed a manuscript Psalter which Bodley wished to secure for the Library. See Letters 57 ff.

<sup>3</sup> Thomas Allen of Gloucester Hall, who was a member of the Committee appointed on Mar. 30, 1598 to deal with the affairs of the Library. He gave several MSS. to the Library, and others of his collection are included in the Digby donation made in 1634. Many of these

MSS. had once been in Oxford College Libraries. See Letter 169, and Macray, pp. 23-25.

<sup>4</sup> William Cotton, Bishop of Exeter 1598-1621. He gave MSS. to the Library in 1605.

LETTER 24.—<sup>1</sup> Bodley's name was inserted in the list of Benefactors to the University on Mar. 4, 1602 (Reg. Conv. Ma. fo. 62).

beginneth

beginneth his progresse after Ester, and what day he will returne : also who is like to be his substitut. As touching M<sup>r</sup> Helmstons offer of 10<sup>li</sup>. I wishe it would please D. Holland (to whome I shall request yow, to impart my hartiest commendations) to aduertise him in a line or two, that I doe take order, with all my contributours, that what mony or bookes they shall conuey to M<sup>r</sup> Io. Norton my stationer, will be faithfully deliuered vnto me, and I will imploy to their satisfactions, with a letter to the parties of my receat of their beneuolence to the Vniuersities vse.

If it should be no trouble, I would intreat your brother and yow, to deuise an apt title to the Register booke for the first leafe : and then, in what formes we shall sette down the particular Inscriptions of mens giftes : of whiche there be 3. kindes, one in bookes alone, an other in mony, and a third in bothe. I will also my self conceaue a certaine forme of a title, which I will submitte to your corrections, for that my Latin is waxed rustie for want of vsing. Between vs perhaps, we shall hitte vpon one that may please vs bothe. I shall be heere in London this weeke and the next, from whens yow shall be sure to heare from me twice or thrice. If any should aske the like question as the B. of Exon, whether it be my purpose to fille the Librarie, it were not so good in my opinion, to answeare that all of any worth are almost bought already. For besides that there are infinit yet behind, it may happely occasion, that many, which nowe are desirous to contribut, will refraine altogether, when they shall be conceated that fewe or none are lefte vn Bought. At this very instant I receaue an other of yours of the 15. of this present. I am sorie to heare of those abuses of my binder for which assure your self I will take heereafter a greater care my self. I pray yow send me worde, at what price your binders will binde an ordinarie booke in f<sup>o</sup>. and if it be in any reasonable sort, I will send them sufficient worke for Dominicke and Miles,<sup>2</sup> or som other for a moneth or two.

<sup>2</sup> Ed. Miles, Stationer and Clerk to the University. See S. Gibson, *Abstracts from Wills*, p. 32.

Tullies workes were bought of Ascanius for Sir Ro. Sidney, being bounde before at Paris: but those marginal notes were nether obserued by me nor M<sup>r</sup> Sauile, who was at the choosing. The transposition of leaues is a very grosse fault, but yet in part yow may reforme it, by a note of relation to the leaues. Budæus workes were of the gift of the L. of Essex, and had paper pasted in one, or more places, as farre as I remember, which may likewise be redressed, because it is not much, with a transcript from some other copie.<sup>3</sup> Beauxamis Concordia shall be changed by Io. Norton, with whome I will talke about these abuses. In the meane season I thanke yow very often for these your kinde aduertisements, and wishe your welfare as mine owne.

From London not yet vnbooted. Marche 17. [1602].

your euer assured

Tho. Bodley

I will take suche order, as yow shall receaue your quarters stipend in Oxon, wherof in my next.

## 25

SIR, I pray yow repaire to M<sup>r</sup> Principal Hawley and reade the Transcript of the letter to M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour.<sup>1</sup> For I haue not the leasure, nor a Scribe to take a copie for yow. It is touching my purpose now at hand, to open the Librarie, which methinkes it is

<sup>3</sup> James took a far more serious view of this matter. The books given by the Earl of Essex had been taken by him from the library of Mascarenhas, Grand Inquisitor of Portugal, at the sacking of Faro in 1596, and James saw the work of the Inquisition in the defacement of this and other books. In his *Manduction vnto diuinitie* (p. 130) he mentions this work as one of those with 'whole leaues

pasted together, the sentences blotted, and the bookes tormented in a pittifull manner, that it would grieue any mans heart to see them'. See *B. Q. R.*, vol. iii, pp. 239-41.

LETTER 25.—<sup>1</sup> The letter referred to is that written to the Vice-Chancellor on Mar. 27, 1602. It is printed in *Rel. Bodl.*, pp. 355 ff.



fitte, should be publikly notified, and carefull order taken, for euery point a part. I haue written my opinion of yow and your office, I hope to your content. I pray yow tell me what yow thinke of my course of proceeding. For if [it] be not to the liking of my frindes there with yow, I will frame an other presently to their better satisfaction. The parties that yow signifie will becom contributours, to witte my L. of Cumberl. M<sup>r</sup> Helmeston, M<sup>r</sup> Ledsham, shall want no putting in remembrance. I am so weery of writing to M<sup>r</sup> Vicech. that I must bidde yow farewell, before I beginne. Vpon the deliuerie of the bille heerinclosed, yow shall receaue of M<sup>r</sup> Munday 5<sup>li</sup>. 13<sup>s</sup>. 4<sup>d</sup> not knowing yet the summe, which may be dewe besides, vnto yow, for some disboursments of yours: which when yow shall aduertise, I will presently defray, commending yow the while to Gods special tuition.

your euer assured

Tho. Bodley.

[Mar. 27, 1602].

I pray yow send me worde whether yow haue Caroli Molinei Commentarij in consuetudines Pariseenses &c. f<sup>o</sup>. Lausan. 1576.

Yow shall doe well, when the time is for it, to take into your handes M<sup>r</sup> Presid. of Magd. his bookes, and to place them in the Libr.

## 26

SIR, For the increase of your stipend, I doe not doubt but to giue yow very good satisfaction, but till your trauels and troubles are seene to euery student, it will be best in my opinion, not to charge the spitte with too muche rostmeat. But heerof at our meeting. My L. Treasurer<sup>1</sup> hath giuen order, for one hundred poundes, to be

LETTER 26.—<sup>1</sup> Thomas Sackville, Lord Buckhurst, afterwards Earl of Dorset, Chancellor of the University 1591–1608. The donation is entered in the Donations-register as having been made in

1600, but was not really made till 1602, the thanks of Convocation having been decreed on April 13, 1602 (Reg. Conv. Ma. fol. 63 verso). See *B. Q. R.*, vol. ii, pp. 99, 100.

bestowed

bestowed from him vpon the Librarie: wherof I haue aduertised M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour, to the end it may be notified to the whole Vniuersitie, and thanks returned thereafter. Heerewith yow shall receaue a letter of mine, and therin an other from M<sup>r</sup> Tho. Cornwallis of the Court, to M<sup>r</sup> Farmour<sup>2</sup> of Somerton, who made a promise long sines to M<sup>r</sup> Cornewallis, to bestowe some bookes vpon the Vniuersitie, if any should come from him or from me, to make choise of the fittest. For whiche I would intreat yow, to take a time when yow please, to steppe ouer to him, and to deliuer the inclosed, wherupon I doe not doubt, but he will giue vs good content. In any wise take no riffe rafte bookes<sup>3</sup> (for suche will but proue a descredit to our Librarie) but because I knowe not, whether he will be wonne, to pay for the binding of suche as may neede it, and for their cariage to Oxon (in bothe which pointes, yow may be bold to vrge him, as of your self) it will be requisit to take bookes, that we haue already, whereby those charges may the better be defraied.<sup>4</sup> Your horse hire I pray yow putte to my account, and it shall be answered. I haue sent yow by the cariar 200. claspes in a litle boxe, whiche I hope will serue your turne. I am not very certaine what time I come next, vnto the Vniuersitie, but it shall be assoone as I may conueniently. In the meane while, I would gladly receaue your Register Inscription. Wherewith I commend yow to Gods good tuition.

your owne assured

Tho. Bodley.

Marche 31. [1602].

<sup>2</sup> Sir Richard Farmer (or Fermor) of Sommerton. The books were received in June 1602, but, owing to a delay in sending a list of them, the donation was not recorded till the following year.

<sup>3</sup> See Letters 162, 220 and note 1, 221.

<sup>4</sup> i. e. the cost of binding was met by the sale of duplicate books. See Letter 3 and note 6.

Sir,

## 27

SIR, Yours of Ester Munday<sup>1</sup> I receaued heere at Burnham, for which I thanke yow very hartely : and astouching the contentes, we will conferre at good length, at my comming to Oxon, which shall be, God willing, some day the next weeke: till when I wishe your welfare as mine owne.

your owne assured

Tho. Bodley.

Ap. 10. [1602]. Burnham

## 28

SIR, The newes of Sir Io. Tounsins was very true: for I receaued a letter from my L. Mountioie,<sup>1</sup> by which he shewed what order he had taken for one hundred pounce to be deliuered vnto me, which I hope to receaue within this seuenight, and then the Vniuersitie shall haue notice of it from me, to the end he may receaue their gratefull acknowledgement by a publike letter. If yow shall be acquainted with any about my L. Windsore, I pray yow solicit his promise. To M<sup>r</sup> Fitzherbert I haue signified, that I will steede him in any thing, to my vttermost power. I would request yow in your next, to signifie the yere and the place, where his Frenche Bible was printed, and withall to answear a doubt or two which I moued in my last weekes letter. I haue Gualthers woorkes, and Farinaceus but not Vellosillus Concordance, which if yow gette, I will forbear to buy heere. I shall desire yow to send me a perfitte catalogue of D. Bondes gifte bookes, because there were some in your former omitted, and the places and yerres in which they were printed, not put to

LETTER 27.—<sup>1</sup> April 5th.

LETTER 28.—<sup>1</sup> Afterwards Earl of Devon. His letter to Bodley and that of

Bodley to the Vice-Chancellor are printed in Hearne's *Joannis Glaston. chronica*, vol. ii, pp. 625-27.



them all. I doe daily drawe in newe contributours, that I hope the next Act, to shewe a very faire muster. Vale ita vt cum maximè.

your assured  
Tho. Bodley

London Ap. 30. [1602].

29

SIR, I thanke yow hartely, for putting me in minde of Helmeston, after whome I will enquire. M<sup>r</sup> Controller hath promised 50<sup>li</sup>. and hath already seen and allowed of the bookes, which I selected for him. Assoone as M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour is returned, I will impart so muche vnto him, and likewise signifie the receat of the L. Mountioyes 100<sup>li</sup>. to the end he may impart it to the Vniuersitie, and take order for returne of their publike thankes. In which respect yow shall doe well in my opinion, to acquaint the oratour<sup>r</sup> with it before hand, to the end it may be done the better, and with expedition. I pray yow salute and intreat M<sup>r</sup> Principal from me, to cause suche barres to be supplied, as are wanting: and your self I would request, to write as often as yow finde a fitte messenger, to the cheineman, to dispatche the rest of the bookes, and to make as many cheines before Mid-sommer, as is possible. For I am like to bring more bookes, then is imagined. I doe not finde in your catalogue Fricius de Rep. emendanda, and yet I thinke it is in the Libr. Wherof I pray yow aduertise me: and likewise, what workes of Sigonius are wanting. And if yow send me a note of any bookes in fol<sup>o</sup>. in Ioseph Barnes shoppe, which yow thinke I can not gette heere, I will buy them very willingly. And thus for this time, with my kindest wishes to your welfare.

your assured euer  
Tho. Bodley.

London. May. 5. [1602].

LETTER 29.—<sup>r</sup> William James, M.A., Ch. Ch., Public Orator 1601-04.

Sir,

30

SIR, I haue sent yow my letter<sup>1</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour, who, I hope, will be returned by Saterday night. But if he be not there before Munday, I pray present it to his substitut. I haue written, what is giuen by the L. Mountioye, and M<sup>r</sup> Contrroller, to whome I would request yow, that the Vniuersities letters of thankses, may be speedely sent vnto me, by one of your next weekes cariars. And so in hast for the present I betake yow to God

your true affected frind

Tho. Bodley.

London. May 7. [1602].

31

SIR, This morning I sent yow a letter, wherin I forgotte to inclose these 2. catalogues, of which I pray yow send me worde which are there in the Librarie. I haue all the fathers, as I take it, in Paris print, but fewe of Basil, for which I desire to haue those marked that yow want: because I will buy them heere at this time.<sup>1</sup> And so againe I commend yow to Gods good tuition.

your affectionat frind

Tho. Bodley.

London May. 7. [1602].

I pray yow send me Bellarmines workes in 8<sup>o</sup> for which I will send yow them in f<sup>o</sup>.

32

SIR, I haue spoken heere with M<sup>r</sup> Farmour, who hath promised, that whensoever yow come after thursday next, he will be at home. He hath a cart-loade of bookes, of which yow may make your choise which he will cause to be newe bound at Oxon. Yow

LETTER 30.—<sup>1</sup> The letter is printed in Hearne's *Joannis Glaston. chronica*, vol. ii, pp. 625, 626.

LETTER 31.—<sup>1</sup> See Letter 34. On James's advice the Basel editions were not purchased.

shall

shall doe well, in my opinion to be there some morning very early, lest he ride abroade, and come not in till night. The bearer heerof Mr Harris, who dwelleth in Sommerton, will assist yow in any thing, and for your charges, put all to my account. The sooner yow goe, it will be the better in my iudgement. And so fare yow well till wednesday next.<sup>i</sup>

your euer assured  
Tho. Bodley

London. May 8. [1602].

33

SIR, Yow may, if yow please, keepe Bellarmines workes in 8°. and, if yow thinke it good, I will also buy the same in f°. I pray yow send me worde vpon Munday, whether Herueus Brito be onely on the sentences, or whether his quolibets be ioined with it. For I haue them heere bothe vnbounde, and will refraine from buieng them, if yours be faire and good. Likewise signifie, whether yow haue Fricius de Rep. emendanda, as I thinke yow haue: otherwise it shall goe from hens. I hartely thanke yow for putting me in remembrance of the Act approaching,<sup>i</sup> albeit I doe assure yow, all those thinges I doe thinke vpon very seriously and carefully, in regard of making your catalogues, and for many other vrgent causes. The Vniuersitie letters shall be orderly deliuered: but nowe I long to heare howe yow speede with Mr Farmour, and so for this time adieu.

your trewe frind  
Tho. Bodley

14. May. [1602].

The Vniuersitie and I are very muche beholding to Mr Barcomb, to whom I pray yow commend me, and desire him from me, to continue his good intention: for that, as yow signified, there are diuers special bookes in that list, that yow sent.

LETTER 32.—<sup>i</sup> The next Letter was written on Friday, May 14.

tended to open the Library. The opening was postponed to Michaelmas and afterwards to Nov. 8.

LETTER 33.—<sup>i</sup> When it had been in-

Sir,



## 34

SIR, I am glad of your Mollerus vpon the Psalmes: for that I can not gette him heere: and I will folowe your aduise, for not buieng many of the fathers in Basil print: for some I thinke yow will finde with M<sup>r</sup> Farmour, and as yow doe conceaue, I hope to haue them all from one or other before it be long. Among those bookes of D. Tailour, there are diuers good, but withall many pamphlettes, not worth the custody in suche a Librarie. Wherin I pray yow vse your best iudgement, and doe not giue ouer writing to the cheinman till he shall be com with his cheines, wherin D. Blincow<sup>1</sup> will assist, if yow please to acquaint him with your hast. And so till Friday I bidde yow a dieu.

your faithfull frind

Tho. Bodley.

London May. 19. [1602].

I pray yow send me worde what workes of Lipsius are wanting in the Libr.

## 35

SIR, I will write and speake in good time to M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour, about those pointes for your allowance,<sup>1</sup> of which yow writte in your last: and I make no doubt, but all will goe currant to your content. If yow pay goodman Miles, it shall be repaied at our next meeting. Three shillinges a dousen was my price being workmanlike done, wherof your self shall be iudge: or if he tarie till I come next to Oxon, I will giue him satisfaction. I had rather the cheinman should make the 2. lockes then Corbet: for that I thinke he will

LETTER 34. — <sup>1</sup> Antony Blencowe, Provost of Oriel 1574-1618. He was a member of the Committee appointed on Mar. 30, 1598 to deal with the affairs

of the Library.

LETTER 35. — <sup>1</sup> Probably the allowance of 13s. 4d. a quarter for the Cleaner. See Letter 14, note 2.

doe it both better, and keepe his day more certainly. Yow must giue him in charge, to make the lockes and keies both very strongly and neatly. It will be time enough for me to speake with Mr Dauis, at my next returne to Oxon. I haue sent yow by the cariar 27s. clippes for bookes, of which I pray yow take that care, as yow doe in all thinges, for their safe custodie. Looking for Clemens Alexandrinus, whether I had him of Basil print, I doe not finde him at all vpon the Catalogue which yow writte out last, wheras I calle to minde very well, that I had it in Greeke, and likewise in latine of Par. and Col. print, and so I trust yow shall finde them in their places. I pray yow by the first cariar the next weeke, send me 1<sup>am</sup>. partem Fallopij, and I will send yow for it both 1<sup>am</sup>. & 2<sup>am</sup>. bound together. Also I would knowe in [what] sort for lether and coulour the 1. and 2. tome of Menochius are bounde, for that I will cause the 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. tomes which I haue bought heere, to answer the binding of the first. Yow must appoint the cheinman to be ready to com at any day, after Midsommer day, that I shall signifie vnto him, and to prouide as many cheines as he can conueniently furnishe. And thus I bidde yow adieu with my happiest wishes to your welfare.

your assured  
Tho. Bodley.

Iune 4. [1602].

I pray yow sende me worde what yow want of Sigonius

I pray yow remember that there must be two litle handsome and strong boltes made, to be sette ouer and vnder the lockes of the grates.

I am desirous to knowe, what Io. Smith will take for a dousen of those clippes wherunto the cheines must be fixed, and he shall heerafter make them all that we shall neede, and finde wire in like maner.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> The second and third postscripts, which are on a separate piece of paper, are attached in *Rel. Bodl.* to Letter lxxiii (pp. 138, 139) but the notes on the back in

James's writing, which relate to works by Fallopius, Porta, and Sigonius, seem definitely to connect them with the Letter to which they are here added.

SIR, I pray yow send me your Fallopius, because yow shall receaue the whole from hens: and as for Porta ioined with him, he shalbe returned, when I send my other bookes. With Fallopius I shall also request yow to send Micropresbytycon, for that I am prouided of an other, and Norton is willing to take his againe. I haue bought Vogelius lately. I pray yow vrge M<sup>r</sup> Flaxon, to gette M<sup>r</sup> Farmour to augment his gifte. For his promise to me was 50. good volumes.<sup>1</sup> I will thanke M<sup>r</sup> Barkam at my comming to Oxon, as his gifte doth well deserue. That which is wanting of Sigonius shall be bought newe of Norton. I meruaile very muche at the cheinmans slacknesse: but so he bring cheines enough, it makes no great mater. It is a very poore gifte, which yow signifie of M<sup>r</sup> Tailour, and likewise that of M<sup>r</sup> Hawthorne, which are well worthie thankes, as any booke of any sort, but vnles they be bettered, we may not fille vp the Register with such benefactours.<sup>2</sup> Of M<sup>r</sup> Barkams gifte, we haue already, as I thinke, Felinus in Psal. which is all one, as I take it, with Bucer in Psal. and likewise Diomedes grammar. For ought I can coniecture

LETTER 36.—<sup>1</sup> In Letter 32 a 'cart-loade of bookes' is mentioned. In Bodley's record of the donations of the year it is stated as '11 volumes, of which the greatest part are in folio'.

<sup>2</sup> Bodley divided benefactors into several classes. Those who gave large sums of money or books of great value had their gifts reported at once to the Vice-Chancellor and through him to Convocation. They received letters of thanks from the University (see Letters 29, 30) and their gifts were afterwards entered in the Register. Other important benefactions were reported to the Vice-Chancellor at the following Act, and the titles

of books given, or purchased with money given, were entered in the Register under the names of the givers. A third class consisted of those whose gifts were small, but who were expected to make further donations. These were mentioned in Bodley's letters to the Vice-Chancellor at the Act and in most cases afterwards entered in the Register. Lastly, those who gave but a book or two (and especially if these were octavos) were considered to have received their due meed of thanks by having their names written in the books they had given. See Letters 39, 169.



of all the rest, we haue not any. Bucers worke I will send from hens, as I doe the meane while my kindest commendations.

your true affected frind

London Iune. 9. [1602].

Tho. Bodley.

## 37

SIR, I hope those litle wormes about the couers of your bookes, come by reason of their newnesse, and that heerafter they will away. I thanke yow for putting me in minde of Sir I. Fort[escues] Catalogue, for which, God willing, I will take a time. I haue very litle hope, vpon Morleis speeches, to gette any bookes from that partie.<sup>1</sup> I am not acquainted there my self, but yet I will vse some meanes, to haue Morley remembred. I meruaile yow heare nothing of Worcester bookes. What bookes are deliuered by Mr Farmour, I would willingly knowe, to the end, they may be placed on my Register. I haue no other mater to impart for the present, but my very best wishes to your welfare.

your affectionat frind

London. Iune 10. [1602].

Tho. Bodley.

## 38

SIR, I will take suche order, God willing, with some that are heere of Mr Sheldons house, as Io. Smithe shall be with yow, with all the cheines he can prouide, vpon Munday or tuesday come seuenight, and finishe all that is there, and to be sent from hens, at one time: so as all his worke may be perfourmed, six daies before the Act. I doe continually finde my last Catalogue, more and [more] imperfect. For I am very well assured, that yow haue Articella the Physition, and yet he is missing on the Catal. Yow doe also sette downe, in

LETTER 37.—<sup>1</sup> His name is not entered in the Donations-register.

Scheghius Workes, Scheghij opuscula vpon som partes of the organon, without expressing on which, whereby I rest vncertaine what is wanting of that autour, whose workes I am willinge to haue whole. And heere I am to intreat yow, that by no meanes yow will lend any booke out of the Libr.<sup>1</sup> For I perceauē there haue bin sundrie caried fourth, and some sent hither: wheras, for mine owne part, I haue refused heere my very best frindes in suche requestes: and there be diuers that knowe it, and speake against it of strangers. That complaint for want of casements, shall be prouided for at my comming to yow next. What day to appoint for the deliuerie of my bookes at Oxford, I knowe not yet. But reckon vpon it, that they shall com, in very good time, for disposing, and cheining, with all other thinges requisit. Almost euery letter of yours, doth bring with it some bookes of gifte, for which the Vniuersitie as well as my self are greatly beholding, to your frindly endeuours. Thus muche in post, being newly com from Burnham.

your owne in all assurance

Tho. Bodley.

June. 16. [1602].

### 39

**S**IR, Assure your self both I and my bookes will be with yow soone enough, albeit I could wishe it sooner by a fortnight, to the end yow might haue time to doe all thinges at your ease and good leasure. But there is more paines and trouble required to it, then any man will thinke, that is not with me present. My bookes, God willing, shall be with yow, vpon tuesday or wensday com seuenight,<sup>1</sup> and I my self, doe appoint, to be there about the same time. I haue also appointed Io. Smith to be there the Monday before, to the end he may finishe those bookes, that are there vncheined at this present. I could wishe that yow had forborne, to displace your bookes, as yow

LETTER 38.—<sup>1</sup> See Letter 43, note 1.

LETTER 39.—<sup>1</sup> June 29 or 30.

writte

writte in your last, till the comming of these to Oxon: for that, as I suppose, yow might haue done it farre better to your content. I would intreat yow to signifie in courteous maner, to suche as giue but a booke or two, as Mr Hawthorne and some others, that they may not expect for a couple of litle bookes in 8°. to be recorded on the Register.<sup>2</sup> For so I should fill it as full of mens names almost as of bookes: but they must ether better their giftes, or be contented, to haue only their names written on the bookes, as bestowed on the publ. Librarie. Musculus on the Psalmes I haue already. Your brother Edw. is com hither, and hath bin with me. Hauing nothing els presently, I commend all your actions to Gods good direction.

your assured euer

Tho. Bodley.

London. 18. Iune. [1602].

40

SIR, I pray yow be of good comfort, and thinke not otherwise, but that I consider throughly of your toiles and paines in that charge: which I will er be long, lay open to those, that are to thinke therof aswell as I: so as euery way I make no doubt, but yow shall receaue at our handes effectual satisfaction. I knowe well nowe at first, by reason of those catalogues, and other seruices required to the ordering of the Librarie, yow must needes be somewhat letted from your course of reading many autours: but yet in my opinion, this perusing of titles and autours is not voide of profit altogether, and when heerafter thinges are setled, yow shall haue time at will to studie,<sup>1</sup> by reason of those houres, in which your presence in the Libr. will be daily required. And if I be not deceaued too too muche, yow will reape more fruit of one yeres studie in that

<sup>2</sup> See Letter 36, note 2.

LETTER 40.—<sup>1</sup> In James's opinion the expectation was not realised. Writing in 1626 he laments that though he has

lived 'in a place of some eminency for bookes' he has had but little opportunity to study them. (See his *Explanation of the ten articles*, p. 33.)

maner,



maner, then yow did in two, by your former course of life.<sup>2</sup> But heerof more at our meeting: which shall be God willing some time the next weeke: and as neere as I can, I will appoint it, about the time that I thinke my bookes may be there: for which I doe nowe, but expect the comming of a bargeman. Your trauailes heeretofore in the copieng of Catalogues hath [*sic*] bin great, and yet by reason they were alwaies imperfect, they steeled me litle, being alwaies taken in hast. For where I writte of Articella missing in my last catalogue, it will appeere by an other of your owne writing before, that it was in the Libr. in so muche as I conceaue it is bounde with some other, and so escaped in your writing. As I see for example with Fallopius, which yow sent me there is Porta his Phytognomonica, which is not sette downe on my last Catalogue. All this may be redressed, in the taking of an other newe Catalogue, which of force must be done in my iudgement, as your brother and I haue conferred vpon it, by setting downe the bookes of euery deske, as their catalogue shall be fixed to the headdes of the desks: for which yow shall haue leasure till almost Michaelmas: for before it will not be possible to haue all thinges well perfourmed and orderly: for that I shall send at the lest at this cariage, as many as yow had this time twelue moneth: which will adde more and more to your care and trouble, as it doth vnto mine, who am toiled exceedingly, and assure yourself, no lesse then your self, with writing, soli[ci]ting, buieng, binding, disposing &c. besides all mine owne buisnesses, which are not of no moment. But I am fedde with the pleasure of seeing som end before it be long: which must be likewise your comfort. That which was told me of the lending fourth of bookes, proceeded, I perceauē, vpon speeche that I haue had with him that told me of it, through a booke that was lent to D. Padé,<sup>3</sup> which I

<sup>2</sup> Bodley thought that the position of Librarian gave 'more effectual opportunities, for the aduancement of his Knowledge, together with his credit, then to

any other Student in the Vniuersitie'. See *Trecent. Bodl.*, p. 46.

<sup>3</sup> Sir William Paddie, President of the College of Physicians 1609-11, 1618.

thinke was the same that M<sup>r</sup> Allen procured, and vnles M<sup>r</sup> Allen be earnest to gette restoared againe, I doubt D. Padé will be slacke of himself. It is a booke in 4<sup>o</sup>. of one that hath written the defense of Galene against Vesalius.<sup>4</sup> Old M<sup>r</sup> Sheldon telleth me that Io. Smith will be with yow vpon Munday or tuesday. I haue receaued 50<sup>li</sup>. of my L. Cobham,<sup>5</sup> towards the furnishing of the Libr. Wherof I will aduertise M<sup>r</sup> Vic. vpon Friday or by your brother. And thus in post I bidde yow adieu.

your most affectionat frind

Tho. Bodley

London Iune 23. [1602].

Yow shall not neede to write any more vnto me hither, for that I shall be gone for Burnham 4. daies hens./Commend me I pray yow to M<sup>r</sup> Allen & M<sup>r</sup> Principal, who shall heare from me as touching the cartes (that are to meete my bookes at Burcot) two or three daies before the time.

# 41

SIR, I send away my bookes this euening, which will be at Oxon, God willing, on thursday at the furthest: with them yow shall haue clippes, wier, and all thinges needefull. Yow must intreat Io. Smith to stay in Oxford, till the comming of my bookes, & I will consider him for it. Yow haue done exceeding well to allowe more partitions to A. B. C. For I bring as many bookes, as I did the last yere, and for diuinitie more. When Bullinger, Brentius, and Bucers workes shall com in I doubt your 10. partitions for B. will hardly serue the turne. But all this I leaue to your better consideration.<sup>1</sup> My L. Cobham hath giuen 50<sup>li</sup> to the librarie, and promiseth

<sup>4</sup> Probably the work of Guevara entered in the Catalogue of 1605 as *Defensio Galeni aduersus Vesalium*, 1559.

was arrested for complicity in the 'Main' plot in 1603.

LETTER 41.—<sup>1</sup> Theology B. occupied 15 shelves in 1603, and 18 in 1604.

<sup>5</sup> Henry Brooke, Baron Cobham, who

diuers MS. out of S<sup>t</sup> Augustines Librarie in Canteb.<sup>2</sup> whiche I will calle for heerafter. I purpose to be with yow vpon wensday, or thursday morning early: and then I will stay to take order in all thinges. /. Of the inclosed billes, that of 6<sup>th</sup>. 13. 4. is for your self to be paid by M<sup>r</sup> Munday: the other I pray yow deliuer Henry Balle. Whatsoever besides yow haue disboursed I will answer at my comming, till when I bidd yow very hartely a Dieu.

your most affectionat frind

June 25. [1602]. London.

Tho. Bodley.

## 42

**S**IR My L. Cobham told me this morning that he had receaued the Vniuersities thanks, which he himself also tooke very thankfully. I pray yow hold your resolution to send your double bookes hither, suche as yow cannot change or selle in Oxon. for heere I can gette others in exchange, with many thanks, sith I take them all, to be special good bookes. Howbeit yow shall not neede to send any hither, till after I haue seene them altogether, at my next comming to yow, which shall be God willing within lesse then a moneth. I pray yow send me the Catalogue of M<sup>r</sup> Allens bookes, and of M<sup>r</sup> Farmours, if all be giuen, that he intendeth. At my comming to Oxon, I will be glad to impart my best aduise vnto yow, about the resigning or keeping of your felowship: <sup>1</sup> which I can not doe so well by writing as my [*sic*] worde, and by mutual

<sup>2</sup> The MSS. seem not to have been obtained.

LETTER 42.—<sup>1</sup> James's resignation of his Fellowship appears to have taken place in the autumn of this year. Bodley's Letters, which had hitherto been directed

to New College, were addressed to the Cross Inn, Oxford, between Aug. 27 and Sept. 10 (Letters 46-49) and afterwards to the 'Vniuersitie' or 'Publike' Library.

conference.



conference. I doe like very well of your motion, to bring the number of bookes to more æqualitie, by placing suche bookes as beginne with k. q. z. w.<sup>2</sup> (where sundrie are ioined in one binding) in the first roome: albeit I doubt, it will not auaille very muche, sith the number of autours beginning with those letters are very fewe. I will not forgette to moue Sir Io. Fortescue about the Catalogue of the Vatican bookes: but I knowe not as yet, whether he be heere, or no. Thus muche in answeare of your frindly letter for which I thanke yow very hartely, beseeching God to direct your vertuous endeouours.

your euer assured  
Tho. Bodley

London. Iuly 22 [1602].

I pray yow send me worde what fault yow founde with Farinaceus de Testib. for some want, which I can not calle to minde.

Sir, I pray yow deliuer the inclosed bille to Henry Balle of Glocester halle, and commend me most hartely to M<sup>r</sup> Principal, praing him to hasten Keies, to the working of his boordes, and for the wainscottes, I hope they shall be at Burcot about the end of the next weeke.

<sup>2</sup> Two or more separate works were frequently bound together (see Letter 13, note 4) in order that by increasing their size the number of volumes on each shelf, and consequently the number of chains by which they were attached, might be lessened, so that 'the multiplicite of cheines might not take away the sight and shewe of the bookes' (Letter 85). The division of books in early Bodleian shelf-arrangements by the initial letters of writers' names (see Letter 1, note 6) necessarily produced great inequality of size in the resulting sections, so that, for example, while in 1604 eighteen shelves were required for the works of writers in Theology whose names began with B,

there was at the same time but one volume on the single shelf allotted to writers whose initial letter was Y. The Librarian's suggestion was that when any such composite volume contained a work by an author whose surname began with K. Q. Z. or W., that work should be placed first in the volume, in order that its place on the shelves, which was determined by the first work it contained, should be in one of the smaller sections, and thus the inequality in the size of the various divisions might to some extent be diminished. Bodley was doubtless right in thinking that the effect would not be very great.

SIR, I pray yow deliuer M<sup>r</sup> Sauile or whosoever shall come from him vnto yow, the Manuscript of S<sup>t</sup> Chrysostome in Greeke. For he doth request me to write a worde or two vnto yow in that behalfe.<sup>1</sup>

Burnham 28. [? July 1602].<sup>2</sup>

yours Tho. Bodley.

#### 44

SIR, There doth not want the lest iote of a ready disposition, to make yow partaker of my soundest aduise, concerning that which yow propose, for resigning your place.<sup>1</sup> But it can not be imparted, vnles we were together. And sith your case doth require some speedy resolution, my counsaile shall be, that yow would therin please your self, and then I pray yow rest assured, that I will be pleased howsoever it falle out: nothing doubting, but as the mater it self concerneth yow neerer, then any man els, so withall it will enforce yow, to consider euery circumstance, and to meditat more

LETTER 43.—<sup>1</sup> On two other occasions (Letters 174, 196) MSS. were lent to Savile, but otherwise Bodley consistently refused to lend books from the Library. In reproving the Librarian (unjustly as he afterwards admitted) for lending books from the Library, he asserts that he has refused the loan of books to his very best friends (Letter 38) and in Letter 142 claims that lending books is not 'a mater that the Vniuersitie or Vicechancellour are to deale in'. At a later date the Librarian desired exemption from the Statute by which lending books was forbidden, but his request was

refused, Bodley insisting that after the passing of the Statutes lending books must 'not nowe by any meanes . . . be putte in practise . . . vpon any occasion whatsoever . . . to the abuse of all good order & totall ruine of the Librarie' (Letter 183).

<sup>2</sup> The date of this Letter is quite uncertain, but the address, Burnham, indicates a date before the end of 1602.

LETTER 44.—<sup>1</sup> The following Letter makes it clear that James proposed to resign the Librarianship unless he received permission to marry.

vpon

vpon it, then any other would, and so to determine for the best: to which determination I will willingly yelde whatsoeuer it be, most earnestly wishing that it may be bonum felix faustumque not onely to your present, but to all your future actions. What that other point is, wherof yow intimat somewhat in your postscr. I can not yet coniecture: but yow may reckon vpon me in all that I am able. I knowe not yet howe long the Q.<sup>2</sup> comming to these partes, may hinder my purpose of comming to Oxon: but I will be with yow, God willing, assoone as I can conueniently. I pray yow tell M<sup>r</sup> Principal, that hauing nothing more to write vnto him, but that I haue sent, 3. daies past, 10. wainscottes to Burcotte, I will trouble him nowe with nothing els, but my kindest salutations. He may knowe the iust day when thei will be at Burcotte by M<sup>r</sup> Munday, who hath also stufte in the same Barge. I would also intreat M<sup>r</sup> Principal to gette Keies to sawe those wainscottes and season them assoone as may be: and likewise to goe in hand with his boordes presently, remembring that all that worke must be finished, at the lest [a] fortnight before Michaelmas. Which is all that I haue for this time, sauing heapes of all good wishes to your painfull endeouours.

your euer assured

Burnham. Iuly. 29. [1602].

Tho. Bodley.

45

SIR, The Queenes being within half a mile of my house, where I was forced often to waite, besides the resort vnto me of noble men and others, to whome I gaue interteinment, was the onely occasion of my silence, for that I had not the leasure, nor almost a place in my owne house to write a letter vnto yow. I haue considered of your motion, about the mater of mariage,<sup>1</sup> wherein I doe

<sup>2</sup> Queen Elizabeth visited Burnham in August 1602.

LETTER 45.—<sup>1</sup> See Letter 14. In

Bodley's Draught of the Statutes the Librarian is not to be 'encombred with mariage' (*Trecent. Bodl.*, p. 31).

determine



determine to giue yow good satisfaction at my comming to Oxon, which shall be, God willing, on thursday com seuenight. For although to tell yow truly I did neuer nothing more vnwillingly, then my self to become the first breaker of my owne Institution, which I purpose heerafter shall stand inuiolable, yet for the loue that I beare to yow in particular, I had rather incurre a publike note of defectiue proceeding, then that yow should falle, by my stifnesse, into termes of extremitie. But heerof more at my comming, against which time, if yow can, I pray yow procure, that Io. Smith may be there with his lockes and casements, and that Keies may be hastened, for the finishing of the shelues, for which I sent him wainscottes the last weeke, nothing doubting but M<sup>r</sup> Principal hath receaued them, in whome my trust is altogether, for the good dispatch of that worke. Your letter of the 27. of Iuly hath many particulars, wherunto I will tell yow what I haue resolued, at my comming, praing yow the while, to send me worde vpon Munday, of the recat of my wainscottes, commending me most kindly to M<sup>r</sup> Principal.

your owne assured  
Tho. Bodley

London Aug. 11 [1602].

## 46

**S**IR, I am very glad to heare of Sir Io. Fortescues comming thither : whome I knowe yow will welcome, according to his dignitie, and desert to that place. Yow shall doe best, in my iudgement, to be so short, as he may not conceaue it, to be muche premeditat : which will make so muche more for your owne commendation. Howbeit I could wishe, that the ioiners did returne, out of hand, for the sooner finishing of those shelues. For their worke in that place, is no ill sight to Sir Io. or to any. I pray yow hasten your mans writing of my Catalogue : the want wherof in good perfection, both hath and will trouble me not a litle. And if yow please  
to

to send me a note of the principal bookes in fol°. printed in Italy, Paris, or Lions, of those which yow haue lately collected to be wanting in the Libr. I will presently conuey it, to Io. Bille, who is now in Paris. I would onely haue suche as are printed in those places, or els where therabout, and not all in fol°. that yow haue gathered, but some of the principal, for the more expedition, of your copieng of them out. As touching your Frankford Catalogues, there is a bigge volume in 4°. printed, conteining all from the yere 64. to 92. There is likewise an other from that time, to 1600. in 4°. printed by Henningus. These are bothe to be had at Nortons. But I thinke it is the later that yow require: wherof I pray yow send me worde and I will conuey it with my next letter. Wherewith at this present I bidde yow adieu.

your assured euer  
Tho. Bodley.

London. Aug. 27. [1602].

## 47

SIR, I knowe not what is meant by the note, which I haue returned heerewith: but, as I doe suppose, it crept in with the rest vnwares to your self. Your Catalogue hath onely bookes in lawe and Physicke, because, as I imagine, yow haue gathered none of the other 2. faculties. By the cariar yow shall receaue your Franckf. Catalogue, and likewise a glasse of the best inke, that I can presently find. I shall request yow, that in writing the names of the Autours to be fixed at the headdes of the Deskes,<sup>1</sup> yow would with your penne expresse your letters as full as yow can. For it chaunceth many times, that your writing is both ill to be read, and vnderstood, by reason of sundrie letters but half drawen, when your paper taketh not the inke, which causeth obscuritie.<sup>2</sup> I pray yow pardon my

LETTER 47.—<sup>1</sup> i.e. the Tables affixed  
to the book-cases. See Letter 21 and

note 5.

<sup>2</sup> See Letter 11 and note 1.

curiositie in these trifles: for that I am desirous, as neere as I can, to meete with all exceptions. My trust is in yow, that my Catalogue<sup>3</sup> shall be written out by your man with all expedition: for that without it, I am no body. If yow can not finde paper large and good enough, to write the tables of the deskes, I thinke it shall not skille, if 2. sheetes of some other paper, then roial, be pasted netely together: which may be done, as I suppose, without any blemishe. Which is all that I haue worth the signifieng presently: wherupon I am to bidde yow most hartely a Dieu.

your euer assured

Tho. Bodley

London 1. Sept. [1602].

Lest the cariar should refuse the cariage of your glasse of inke, my man made him beleue it was a glasse of distelled water: and suche yow must aske for.

## 48

SIR, I will write to Io. Bill, and also otherwise enquire, for more catalogues of bookes: and it may be by my next, I shall serue your turne with one or two: albeit, as I suppose, there will be time enough heereafter, to hearken after suche: sith our neede is not great of any suche now. For I am muche more intentiue, to that which is to be perfourmed, at the opening of the Librarie, in the sightly and methodical contriuing and writing, of the Tables to the Deskes. For I would not by no meanes, that any suche errour be committed, as may iustly be censured, by all commers in, at their first accesse. I pray yow signifie in your next, howe yow purpose to make the Catalogues belonging to the two closets, which must be thought vpon aduisedly. What Mr Slatters<sup>1</sup> living was I knowe not, but I would

<sup>3</sup> See Letter 50 and note 2, Letter 62 and note 1.

LETTER 48.—<sup>1</sup> Richard Slatter, 'parson of the parish', was buried in the church-

yard of St. Aldate's, Oxford, on Sept. 1, 1602. James was presented to the living on Sept. 14, 1602.



it were in me, to steede yow therin: and then your desire yow should soone haue an end. A Clocke and a Belle,<sup>2</sup> will be needefull for the librarie, for sundrie good purposes: but euery thing must haue his time. I doe not doubt, but yow will hasten your man, about the finishing of my Catalogue, and send it assoone as possibly yow can. In the meane while repute me still as I am

your most affectionat frind

Burnham. Sept. 6. [1602].

Tho. Bodley

49

SIR, I hope by your first cariar the next weeke, to receaue my Catalogue, without which I am vtterly maimed. I pray yow plie M<sup>r</sup> Powel, till yow gette those MS of Shrophshire.<sup>1</sup> Perusing that note, which yow sent me lastly, to be conueied to Io. Bille, I doe find sundrie bookes, which are already in the Librarie. I haue sent yow by this cariar 3. seueral Nomenclatours, which I haue onely borrowed, and therefore, when yow shall haue looked them ouer, I pray yow returne them to me. I desire to knowe by your next whether yow haue Antonij Lodouici opera medica./Franciscus Picus Mirandula his Examen Vanitatis Doctrinæ Gentium et Veritatis Christianæ relig./Philostratus Græ lat. de Vita Appollonij./Proclus vpon the 1. of Euclide in 4. bookes sette out by Barocius. Lat./Spachius one of your Nomenclatours hath sette fourth a bigge Catalogue of all bookes in Philosophie, and all other kinde of learning, Diuinitie, Lawe & Physicke excepted./That I am also promised

<sup>2</sup> The bell was sent to the Library on June 22, 1604, and was afterwards recast and enlarged. It was rung at the opening and closing of the Library 'that men may shunne the discommodities of repairing thither ouersoone, or abiding

there too long, which the difference of clockes may occasion very often' (*Trecent. Bodl.*, p. 40).

LETTER 49.—<sup>1</sup> The MSS. seem not to have been obtained.

the next weeke, till when I bidde yow very often and very hartely adieu.

London Sept. 10. [1602].

your assured euer

Tho. Bodley

## 50

SIR, I had cleane forgotten to remember M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour, that when the Librarie othe<sup>1</sup> shall be taken by the Graduates, it will be also expedient, that order were taken for ministring the self same othe heerafter, to euery graduat at the time of his admission: which was, as yow knowe the ancient course, expressly sette downe in the Vniuersitie Statutes. I pray yow take the paines to signifie that vnto him, and to commend me very specially. I receaued your Catalogue,<sup>2</sup> wherein your man hath committed many faultes in the writing, of sundrie kindes. If it be the very same that yow are purposed to fixe to the headdes of the deskes, I could wishe if nowe it had bin integrum, and not to late, that many titles of Autours had bin somewhat more contracted, for the gaining of rowme:<sup>3</sup> and withall that yow had forboaren to sette downe in that kinde the Autours names, in the Nominatiue case without any construction, as once I remember I signified before, by worde of mouthe. For it is, me thinkes, somewhat harshe, and not so vsual, nor latine like: as when yow put Isocrates opera Gr. et Lat. And Chrysostomus Iauellus operum eius To. 3<sup>es</sup>. wheras to my seeming, it had bin sufficient to haue put Chrys. Iauelli opera. I can not choose but impart my fansie vnto yow in the smallest maters of the Libr. I haue heerin sent yow a

LETTER 50.—<sup>1</sup> In his letter to the Vice-Chancellor of Mar. 27, 1602, Bodley suggests that the oath provided by the statutes of the older Library should be administered. An English version of the formula prescribed by the Statutes passed

in 1610 is given in *Trecent. Bodl.*, pp. 51, 52.

<sup>2</sup> Mentioned in several previous Letters. It is now pressmarked MS. Rawl. Q. e. 31. See *B. Q. R.*, vol. ii, pp. 147, 148.

<sup>3</sup> = room.

bille to Munday, for the residewe of your stipend, and for the marke dewe to him that cleanseth the Libr.<sup>4</sup> I knowe not what els yow may haue disboursed: but I will presently discharge it, vpon the sight of your note. I haue heerewith sent yow a note of suche bookes as Io. Bille hath bought for me in Paris: which I pray yow returne with your next vnto me. For it came but this morning to my handes, and I haue not yet considered of them, as I purpose by conference with my Catalogue: albeit, as I suppose I haue but fewe of them already. Heerewith I leaue yow for this present, beseeching God to prosper your studies in Diuinitie, and to increase that great good liking, which all men, as I heare, haue conceaued already, of your sufficiencie and worthe.

your true affected frind  
Tho. Bodley.

London. Oct. 8. [1602].

51

SIR, I am still of one opinion, that Isocratis opera Græ. lat. is better then, Isocrates. opera Græ. lat. For albeit many might allowe it, being done already, yet had it bin integrum, they would not at first haue aduised yow to it. For in deede it is absonum, and vnusual, though nowe it may passe, being done already. I pray yow signifie vnto me, what order is taken about the othe, and all other thinges. I haue told M<sup>r</sup> Chalenour<sup>1</sup> as muche, that I knowe his sister can not furnishe me of twentie poundes worth of bookes of Protestant writers: and I suppose there be not so many to be had, ether there, or heere, or any where that I haue not already. Yow shall doe well in my opinion, to aduertise him what yow finde,

<sup>4</sup> His duties are given in some detail in Letter 79. He was replaced in 1610 by the Porter or Janitor, who, unlike the Cleaner, was expected to be on duty at all times when the Library was open.

LETTER 51.—<sup>1</sup> Robert Chaloner gave £20. His sister was the widow of Richard Herkes (or Garbrand) and continued his business as a bookseller. See S. Gibson, *Abstracts from Wills*, p. 23.



to the end he may not relie vpon that which is impossible. Of M<sup>r</sup> Canninges I did not heare before. When his mony is receaued, and bookes bought, lette me haue his Proper & surname, with the Catalogue of his bookes, to the intent I may put him to my Register. In any wise remember to send me a copie of somewhat written with the hand of that partie, whome yow recommended, for a special good writer, at my being last in Oxon. I meruaile nothing comes from Worcester. In my Catalogue of Paris bookes, before Alexandri Lectura f<sup>o</sup>. 4. vol. yow haue put N. L.<sup>2</sup> by which letters I knowe not what is meant, but expect your solution. I shall longe to heare from yow, what is resolved by M<sup>r</sup> Vicech. and the Vniuersitie. Commend me to your self most kindly.

your true affected frind  
Tho. Bodley

Oct. 13. [1602].

## 52

SIR, First I must thanke yow very hartely, for your costly token to me and my wife, which we doc wishe may be a token of a great deale of happinesse to yow and to yours.<sup>1</sup> And for all other maters signified, in your two the last weeke, and in an other by this cariar, aswell touching the othe to be taken by the graduates, as other particulars, of force I must forbear to deliuer my opinion, till I heare what is fully concluded by the Delegates, and put in publike practise. Howbeit I hold my self greatly beholding vnto yow, for your carefull information, of their forme of proceeding :

<sup>2</sup> Possibly the *Summa theologica* of Alexander of Hales, 4 voll. 1515-17. N. L. perhaps = *non liquet*.

LETTER 52.—<sup>1</sup> Apparently a reference to James's marriage with Ann Underhill, which took place at St. Thomas's Church, Oxford, on Oct. 18, 1602. His wife

is described as of St. Martin's parish, and was probably of the same family as John Underhill, Bishop of Oxford (died 1592) who is said to have been born at the Cross Inn (now the Golden Cross Hotel). Mrs. James died in 1655.

albeit as yet I haue had no notice, nether more nor lesse, from any other frind. But I hope by the next, the next weeke, to be fully satisfied of euery point at length.

your euer assured frind

From London. Oct. 28. [1602].

Tho. Bodley.

53

SIR, I receaued that last weekes letter of yours, whiche yow thought had miscaried, and therin your aduertisement, howe all thinges had past among the Delegates: <sup>1</sup> but it was not fitte for me to signifie to any man in priuat, what I liked or disliked: vnles that some had bin appointed, by consent among themselues, to require my opinion. For otherwise I will allowe whatsoever it is, that they shall resolue, although they aske not my aduise: presuming still that they will aske it, when they shall thinke it expedient. And therefore by no meanes I will haue no allegation of my iudgement in any thing, vnles it be demaunded by themselues: and if so be there should be cause, for me to giue them notice, of any point in particular, I would either signifie my minde vnto M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour, or by letter addressed to all the Delegates. For that were decorum in my conceat. As touching your mans admittance, the consideration of it belongeth to the Delegates, as euery thinge els. For if they leaue it vnto me, I thinke that vnder the keeper, there should be no officer, but onely some body that yow shall appoint to sweepe and keepe cleane the bookes, and deskes, and flower <sup>2</sup> from dust: which would be done, in my opinion, while your self shall be present in some part of the Librarie: and then it will be needeles, to minister any othe, to a

LETTER 53.—<sup>1</sup> Appointed on April 13, 1602 to make regulations for the secure custody of the books and to deal with other matters relating to the Library. Drs. Bond, Holland, Singleton, Airay,

Rainolds, and Mr. Thomas Allen, all of whom are mentioned in the Letters, were members of this body. (Reg. Conv. Ma. fol. 64 verso.)

<sup>2</sup> = floor.

person of that qualitie, sith I can not conceaue, howe a waiting seruant shall haue buisnesse to stay there: it being otherwise very dangerous for many considerations. I pray yow continue your diligence, in aduertising howe all thinges passe, howsoever I forbear to deliuer my opinion of their general proceeding. Yow shall see I will doe it in time conuenient, and when neede is, both to their and your content, and so with many happy wishes of fortunat successe to this beginning of your charge I betake yow to God

your affectionat euer

Tho. Bodley

From London. N. 3. [1602].

# 54

**S**IR, Your Last vpon Munday, brought the best tidinges, of any that yow sent, at any time vnto me. For nowe me thinkes my long designe, is come to some perfection: sith the place is frequented, and yow established in your charge.<sup>1</sup> For which, and for all the whole course, of good proceeding in this action, I finde my self respected by M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour, a great deale more then is dewe to my desert: as I will take good occasion to lette him vnderstand in time conuenient. Yow pleasure me muche with your weekly aduertisements, of that which passeth about the Librarie: wherein euery particular I desire to knowe from yow, as your occasions will permitte: especially nowe that thinges are put in practise. For I will be carefull to reforme, and cause to be reformed, whatsoever shall be needfull. And so for this time I leaue yow, with affectionat wishes

LETTER 54.—<sup>1</sup> On Nov. 8, 1602, the Vice-Chancellor, Proctors, Delegates, and others went in procession from St. Mary's Church to the Library, where a short speech was addressed to them by the Librarian, whose account of the pro-

ceedings on this occasion is prefixed to the Register of graduates, which (formerly part of MS. Rawl. D. 912) is among the Library records. It is evident from this Letter that Bodley had not been present at the opening ceremony.



of infinit happinesse to your self, and that place wherof the preservation doth chiefly consist in your industrie and care.

your very assured

Tho. Bodley.

From London No. 10. [1602].

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SIR, I pray yow signifie vnto me, what course M<sup>r</sup> Challenour hath taken, for bestowing of his 20<sup>li</sup>: for that I am persuaded, yow could not finde to that value in his sisters shoppe. I would likewise vnderstand whether any thing be done by M<sup>r</sup> Price<sup>1</sup> my L. Admirals chaplen. I would otherwise cast about, howe to deale with my L. by some other meanes. Your Worcester bookes would be called for often, because I see there it is forgotten. I pray yow send me worde, whether yow haue Albertus Magnus vpon all Arist. Organum: and Borrhaus vpon the Politickes. For I find vpon your last Catalogue, Martinus Borrhaus, but his worke is not expressed. Also I would knowe whether yow haue Augustana Confessio: and Confessio Catholica fidei Christianæ of Hosius: because I doubt it is not printed with the rest of his workes. M<sup>r</sup> Principal telles me, that D. Gentilis<sup>2</sup> findeth many imperfections, in Tractatus Doctorum. I pray yow learne which they are. For Norton will perfect all. Two or three I was priuy to before, and all but one, shall be perfited, with leaues sent already from Frankford. Nowe I must intreat yow to send me the Register booke,<sup>3</sup> wherein the Benefactours names

LETTER 55.—<sup>1</sup> Theodore Price, afterwards Principal of Hart Hall. The Lord Admiral's donation is entered in the Register in 1604. The following Letters give evidence of Bodley's persistence in the endeavour to secure this donation.

<sup>2</sup> Alberico Gentilis, Regius Professor of Civil Law 1587-1608, whose name appears in the record of Readers in the Library in 1602-3 contained in MS.

Bodley 763. The missing sheets were sent on Mar. 7, 1603 (see Letter 74).

<sup>3</sup> A Register-book had been provided in June 1600, and an inscription for it is asked for in Letters 24, 26. It was doubtless exhibited at the opening of the Library on Nov. 8, 1602, and afterwards sent to Bodley, who on Mar. 29, 1603 asks for a list of books given 'to the end I may write them downe vpon my pub-

and giftes shalbe recorded. For I will beginne, to haue it written. It would be packed vp in a coffin of boordes, with paper thicke about it, and hay between it, and the boordes. I pray yow be carefull about it, and lette me receaue it the next weeke, sent by the waggon for feare of raine. Commend me very hartely to your brother, and tell him, that I long to heare, what is done by M<sup>r</sup> Leedes. I am wonderfull glad, that all thinges are caried, as yow writte in your last, vpon Munday,<sup>4</sup> so orderly, and with suche silence in the Librarie. I hope it will not growe from better to worse. I am half of a minde to haue all your double bookes sent hither, where I hope to make them away for others, very speedily. Signifie I pray yow your opinion therof, and which of them are already ether sold or exchanged. Thus expecting your carefull answeare to all the particulars of this letter, I commend your actions & studies to Gods good direction.

Your trewe affected frind

Tho. Bodley.

London. No. 19. [1602].

## 56

**S**IR, Lest yow falle into an errour, which may turne me to losses, I pray yow lette me knowe, assoone as yow may, what bookes yow shall haue chosen, for M<sup>r</sup> Doctour Challenour. For I haue bought a great many sins my comming to London, so as I doubt very muche, I am either spedde of all, or of the greatest part at lest, that are to be founde in all the shoppes at Oxon. Of Protestant

like Register', but Letter 87 (June 30, 1603) shows that the writing had not been completed at that date. Subsequently it was decided that entries should be printed and the printed volume was sent to the Library in June 1604 (Letter 98). Entries subsequent to 1604 are in manuscript, the volume ending

with those of 1688, and a second volume containing those between that date and 1794. The person first employed to make the manuscript additions was John Hales. See *Pietas Oxoniensis* (1902) p. 36.

<sup>4</sup> The Letter had doubtless contained an account of the Library during the week Nov. 8-13, 1602.

writers

writers in <sup>fo</sup>. I doe not thinke but in a maner, we haue all that can be gotten: and for other kinde of writers, in mater of religion or otherwise, he can not ther be so well fitted, for the goodnesse of his bookes, or for the cheapnesse of their prices, as he may be from hens. And if his mony be bestowed in octauo bookes, and suche other smalle volumes, as yow seeme to signifie, it would not make his gifte so commendable. I writte somewhat vnto him, at my being in Burnham astouching these maters: and if so be I had seene him sins, my speeches should haue tended, to persuaide him to giue some special good autours in all professions, and not to haue valued the buieng of them more in Oxon, then heere, sith the choise there is so poore, and the benefit so slender, that his sister shall reape of twentie poundes worthe of bookes. I pray yow once againe peruse Albertus Magnus, whether any thing be missing vpon any part of the Organum. For heere I can haue him nowe very faire in one vol. <sup>fo</sup>. Ven. 1532. M<sup>r</sup> D. Edes,<sup>1</sup> as I am told, is not in London, for which yow must not giue ouer your writing vnto him. I would willingly knowe what is becom of M<sup>r</sup> Farmours bookes of Sommerton, whether they be placed in the Libr. or in your custodie. As yet I haue not seene M<sup>r</sup> Price but if he com not of himself, I will either seek him my self, or send som other to him. My Register booke is safely deliuered, but for want of hay between it and the hard boordes of the case, it is somewhat grated in the cariage. I haue nothing els for this time, but to wishe your welfare and prosperitie to your greatest contentation.

your true louing frind

From London. No. 24 [1602].

Tho. Bodley

Sir, If yow can like of it, I pray yow send my letter to D. Chalenour: but as of your self, and not as moued vnto it by me.

About my doble bookes, I will write yow in my next.

LETTER 56.—<sup>1</sup> Dean of Worcester. He gave £13 6s. 8d. in 1601. The 'writing vnto him' was probably in connexion

with the 'Worcester books' previously mentioned.

Sir,



SIR, As yet I could not meete with the Deane of Worcester, and this day I take a iorney for two or three daies. But if I finde him heere at my returne, rather then his bookes should be lost, I will be at the charge of their binding my self. What those bookes are in 4<sup>to</sup> and 8. that yow finde so necessarie for M<sup>r</sup> Chaloner I would willingly knowe, for that I doe buy continually, and me thinkes yow can hardly be spedde of any there, but either I haue bought them already, or they may be had heere, at a farre better reckning: and besides, though some part of M<sup>r</sup> Chaloners mony be bestowed in suche bookes, yet some portion therof may be imploied heere, if he shall so like: to which end, I requested, that yow would, as of your self, send my letter vnto him, which I writte vnto yow last, and craue his present resolution: lest it turne me to too muche losses, to buy the self same bookes heere. I pray yow tell M<sup>r</sup> Munday, that it will come to some 24<sup>li</sup>. or therabout, wherewith I would charge him about Christmas. Orum your cariar hath giuen me his worde, that he will fitte yow very well with hampers, for the cariage of your double bookes hither, in his waggon. I pray yow talke with him about it, and cause them to be packed vp handsomly, which I thinke yow may best doe vpon Sunday, for that as then there will be no repaire vnto the Librarie and I am desirous, to haue them conueied without any notice or speeche to be vsed, with others. Of M<sup>r</sup> Price my L. Admirals chaplen, I haue heard nothing as yet. I doe not finde vpon your Catalogue Solij Apollinaris opera 4<sup>to</sup>./ Didaci Spinæ speculum testamentorum 4<sup>to</sup>./ Gallucij speculum vranicum, and his theatrum mundi et temporis, which were bookes, and sent by me before the Act. Yow must not forgette to signifie those imperfections which were found by D. Gentilis. Forgette not in any wise to send me backe the double bookes by Orum, for that I am  
offered

offered very speciall good autours in exchange. Heerewith I re-commend yow, to Gods blessed tuition

your euer assured

London. 3. Dec [1602].

Tho. Bodley

I pray yow signifie vnto me, whether D. Bondes Psalter MS. with an english comment be placed in the Librarie: and withall write me the first and last wordes of the comment, that I may compare it with an other heere that is very ancient.

## 58

SIR, I shall expect by the first the next weeke your double bookes, which will be out of danger of wether and raine, if so be the hampers be placed in the waggon, which I take to be alwaies couered: wherin I must craue your frindly care, to see them bothe packed with hay, for grating one against an other, and withall to place them vnder couer sufficient, and cordage, to keepe them from embezeling.

Heerewith I haue sent yow a catalogue of suche bookes, as Io. Bille hath bought for me in Venice, which I pray yow returne vnto me safely, by one of your next weekes cariars, with a note of suche, as yow shall finde to be already in the Librarie. I doe not doubt, but albeit they be many, and rise to a great charge, yet I shall before the Act, partly by Io. Bils industrie, who doth not returne till after Ester, and vntill then will be alwaies buieng, and inquiring after bookes, and partly by other meanes heere at home of my owne, procure at the lest as many more. I thanke yow for your litle catalogue of bookes, which I will hunt after, and leaue none of them vn Bought, that can be procured: for which I would intreat yow, to continue your care, of aduertising from time to time, as any special booke shall com to your knowledge, that is not in the Librarie. I am glad of your good happe, in the booke that we lost, I meane Onus Ecclesiæ, which assure your self, was once in the Libr. I pray yow

yow cause it to be bound, if yow please with that other, if yow had it not before, which was ioined with it, or with some other, for that I doubt of it self it is to thinne to be bound alone. I desire very muche to knowe the imperfections of Alciat, which Norton will repare, if any be. A very good frind of mine hath moued me, vpon the suite of your mans father, to gette him to be admitted into the Librarie: which I would willingly doe at the instance of his frindes, as I shall request yow to signifie vnto him, but sith it is thought fitte by the Vniuersitie, that Batchelers of art shall be excluded, I may not my self giue the first occasion of breache of their order. And therfor considering he is no graduat, nor otherwise qualified for mater of learning, he may not expect to be otherwise admitted, then in your owne presence, at conuenient times, to doe some seruice about the bookes. By D. Challenours sister, or some other instrument, yow may finde the meanes to send to him, which I pray yow omitte not to seeke out, to the end I may learne his speedy resolution, his gift being liberal, and the number of my bookes which are comme and comming, very great. Salue, Vale.

London. Dec. 10. [1602].

your affectionat frind  
Tho. Bodley

Forgette not I, pray yow my last request about the beginning and end of D. Bondes Psalter.

## 59

**S**IR Sith there is so litle trust in Orum, I haue dealt with Sharpe,<sup>1</sup> who hath promised, that all your bookes shall be caried, without either wette, or grating, or other inconuenience for which I would intreat yow, to take order with him in good time about it, for that Orum complaineth, that yow tie him too precisely, to com vnto yow at certaine houres, which men of their trade can not alwaies

LETTER 59.—<sup>1</sup> Thomas Sharpe appointed University carrier Nov. 8, 1600.

intend.



intend. I requested in a former, to knowe whether M<sup>r</sup> Farmour of Sommerton haue brought in his bookes, wherto I haue not, as yet, receaued your answear. I doe not finde vpon your last Catalogue Hugo Cardinalis,<sup>2</sup> which I am very well assured, I bought, and brought in. I pray yow remember to write to D. Chaloner, and take a note of the beginning and ending of M<sup>r</sup> Presidents Psalter. Which is all at this time, but that I doe not forgette my best wishes to your welfare.

London Dec. 15 [1602].

your very affectionat frind  
Tho Bodley.

The Imperfections of your lawe bookes I desire to knowe with your speediest opportunitie, for procuring their supplies, in good time.

60

SIR, As touching the times of shutting the Libr.<sup>1</sup> for mine owne opinion, I should conforme my self altogether, mutatis mutandis, to the order sette downe in the old decrees. Howbeit I desire that M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour & the Delegates should determine of this, as of euery thinge els: and would pray yow to certifie, what course shall be taken, not failing to send me your double bookes by Sharpe: wherewith I betake yow to Gods good keeping.

London. Dec. 17. [1602].

your assured euer  
Tho. Bodley.

<sup>2</sup> The catalogue here referred to is probably that in MS. Rawl. Q. c. 31 in which he is entered under *Ugo*.

LETTER 60.—<sup>1</sup> It appears from the Register of readers (1602-3) preserved in MS. Bodley 763 that at the Christmas

of 1602 the Library was closed, except on the morning of Dec. 29, from the afternoon of Dec. 20 till Jan. 3. See also Letter 231. The Library was ordinarily open from 8 to 11 in the morning, and from 1 to 4 (or 2 to 5) in the afternoon.

## 61

SIR, The bookes that yow mention in your Catalogue are deliuered: but some, I doubt, I shall finde, vpon perusing my notes, to be left yit behinde: as among others I remember yow haue Forestius in f<sup>o</sup>. and likewise in 8<sup>o</sup>. or 16<sup>o</sup>. which might be returned. If I finde any more, yow shall vnderstand it by my next: I haue paid M<sup>r</sup> Farmour 7<sup>li</sup>. 6<sup>s</sup>. 8<sup>d</sup>. which yow shall receaue by the bill heerewith, wherof 6<sup>li</sup>. 13. 4 is for your self, and 13<sup>s</sup>. 4. for the cleanser of the Librarie. I pray yow signifie in your next, what stoare of cheines, claspes, and wire is left. I shall also request yow to commend me to M<sup>r</sup> Principal very hartely, and to putte him in minde, that I desire to heare from him concerning Franc. Ripa. Which is as muche as I haue presently to impart vnto yow.

London Dec. 22. [1602].

your vnfaired frind  
Tho. Bodley.

## 62

SIR, I pray yow signifie in your next, whether yow haue these autours. Pet. Martyris Decades./.Eiusdem Legationis Babylonica lib. 3./.Nouus orbis Regionum et Insularum &c. Bas. 1537./.Oribasius works./.Velutello vpon Dante: for your Catalogue<sup>1</sup> doth mention a comment vpon Dante, without specifieng the writers name./.Two greate volumes of diuers commentatours vpon Tully f<sup>o</sup>. Bas. 1553./.Euripides Gr. lat. cum Annotat. Stiblini, Mycilli &c. f<sup>o</sup>./.Methodus Iuris Ciuil. Vigelij./.Beatus Rhenanus de reb. Germanicis./.Liber de

LETTER 61.—<sup>1</sup> Doubtless the duplicates mentioned in the preceding Letters. The carrier would have reached London on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

LETTER 62.—<sup>1</sup> The Catalogue sent in October. See Letter 50 and note 2. The incomplete titles here quoted reproduce the entries in that Catalogue.

Germanorum prima origine et morib. &c./Your Catalogue setteth downe Thucydides Gr. lat. cum Annot. without specifieng his name, which I would willingly knowe./Likewise your man hath written Borrhaus in Ecclesiasticem, whereby I knowe not whether he meane Ecclesiastem or asticum. Yow haue Chalcondylas de origine et reb. gestis Turc. but whether it be the same, that one hath offered me in Frenche De la Decadence de l'Empire Grec et establissement de Celuy des Turcs, I knowe not. Lette me also request yow to send the title of the Chirurgie of Guido de Cauliaco: for that I am offered one with the Tracts of Brunus, Theodoricus, Iesu Haly &c. which happely are printed in a great volume, together with diuers of Chirurgerie. What yere and where your S<sup>t</sup> Brigittes Reuelations were printed, is not noted, which I pray signifie: because I am otherwise offered one that is of the best. Where yow sette in your Catalogue Cacherani Iurisc. Consilia, I would faine knowe, whether it be the same, with his Decisiones Senatus Pedemontani. Yow putte vpon your Catalogue the Heb. Bible with the comment of the Rabins, in f<sup>o</sup>. 4. vol. twice, wheras one is onely in 4. vol. & the other in 2. both differing in the yere of the world.<sup>2</sup> Besides Forestius workes, which are vncheined, I doe finde Lycophrons Alexandra Gr. 4<sup>o</sup>. double, and yet none at all sette downe on your Catalogue. Likewise Compendium Theologicæ Verit. per Io. de Combis in 16<sup>o</sup>. besides 6. or 7. more in f<sup>o</sup>. then were sent,<sup>3</sup> for which I will attend Io. Smithes comming to yow: hauing nothing more nowe to adde, but my kindest commendations, with request to receaue your answeare, to all particulars heerin.<sup>4</sup>

your euer assured

Tho. Bodley.

London Dec. 29. [1602].

<sup>2</sup> The latter was one of Bodley's gifts to the Library. See Letter 6 and note 3.

<sup>3</sup> Additional duplicates which had not

been returned to Bodley. See Letter 61.

<sup>4</sup> The Letter is annotated in James's handwriting.

Sir,



## 63

SIR, Yow haue done me muche ease, with diuers of your answers, to my last the last weeke: for which I thanke yow very hartely: albeit in diuers pointes I rest as yet vnsatisfied. For where yow signifie, that your Vigelius is in 5. partes, and 3. vol. f<sup>o</sup>. Bas. 1582. your last Catalogue doth sette downe Vigelij Digestorum partes 7<sup>em</sup>. fo. Bas. 1584. so as I knowe not whether it be the same volume, or what difference is in the titles. Mine heere, is Vigelij Methodus Iuris in 7. part. f<sup>o</sup>. Bas. 1561. My Guido de Cauliaco hath more then yow haue specified, to witte, De balneis porrectanis, Chirurgia Bruni, Theodor. Roland. Roger. Lanfranc. Bert. Iesu Haly de oculis. Lanamusoli de Balduc de oculis f<sup>o</sup>. Ven. 1547. I pray yow tell me, whether yours haue as many. Yow forgotte to write whether yow haue 2. vol. of comments vpon Tullies orations and his Rhetoricke f<sup>o</sup>. Bas. 1541. What els I may haue requested, I can not presently calle to minde: but if my last vnto yow be in your way, I pray yow reuieue it, and answer euery particular. I would intreat yow withall, to lette me knowe, whether yow are furnished of Stephanus de Urbibus Græcè, of Theatrum Mundi et temporis Gallucij, of Piccolomini della Sfera Italicè. I doe not finde vpon my Catalogue a manuscript scholia in Greeke vpon Sophocles<sup>1</sup> of Sir Io. Fortescues gifte: which yet I doe not doubt, but yow shall finde in your closetts. If yow haue not yet written, nor haue no meanes to send to D. Chalenour, lette me knowe it by your next, and I will take some course from hens, to write vnto him. I would request yow, if yow knowe for certaine, the authenticall wordes of the incorporation of our Vniuersitie, which haue bin, and are to be vsed, in any donation made vnto them, that yow would signifie them vnto me.

LETTER 63.—<sup>1</sup> It is not entered in the Catalogue of 1605, nor is it now to be found.

Wherewith

Wherewith wishing yow all the happinesse that your self doth most desire, I commend your welfare to Gods good blessing.

your most assured  
Tho. Bodley.

From London Ian. 5. [1603].

64

SIR, Of all these autours, that yow haue mentioned, in the end of your letter, as intended to be giuen, I haue not one: for which I would intreat yow, to accept the offer, and if it be perfourmed, to send me a note of the giuers name, and of euery booke apart, to the end I may recorde them. Your answeares concerning those bookes, that I writte of, haue contented me fully: and hauing none of them there, as it seemeth yow haue not, they shall all com vnto yow, when I send my next bookes. If yow finde a fitte opportunitie, I pray yow write to Io. Smith, that I may be furnished against Ester with a thousand cheines: for that I hope at the lest to bring for that number if God send my bookes to com safe out of Italy. What stoare of wire, and clippes yow may haue lefte in your custody, I knowe not. I am hartely sorie to heare of that publike dissention,<sup>1</sup> wherof yow intimat somewhat, and I hope will be a meanes, for your owne particular, to appease by all meanes possible. For if the fire should increase, it would be very scandalous to the state of our Church, and to the Vniuersitie: for which I shall wishe my frindes, to seeke the way of peace, which me thinkes in a difference of no greater moment, if I doe rightly conceaue it, might be easely founde.

LETTER 64.—<sup>1</sup> Probably reference is here made to the controversy occasioned by a sermon preached by the Vice-Chancellor (John Howson) on Nov. 17, 1602, which gave great offence to the

Puritan party. The controversy was renewed in 1612. See Wood's *Hist. of the Univ. of Oxford*, ed. Gutch, vol. ii, pp. 271-78.

Wherewith I recommend all your actions and studies to Gods speciall direction, and rest in all loue

your assured euer

Ian. 12. [1603].

Tho. Bodley.

I receaved your schedule closed in your letter, with my hartiest thanks vnto yow for it.

## 65

SIR, as touching the time of printing the tables,<sup>1</sup> yow shall knowe my opinion, at my comming to Fulham. I am very desirous to speake with M<sup>r</sup> Chaundeler, whome I knowe not where to meete: for as yet I heard nothing, of that intencion of my Lordes: but if M<sup>r</sup> Chaundeler be in Oxon, yow may happely gette him, to write a worde vnto me, which yow may alwaies haue the meanes, to conuey by M<sup>r</sup> Gent, with any letter of your owne. For if your leasure shall serue, I would gladly knowe what yow thinke of some of those motions made vnto yow heere, of which yow promised in your last to write me more at large. Because I am packing for Fulham, I will bidde yow adieu, with very speciall thanks, for your care in sending the Catalogue so soone. Lette me knowe by your next, where yow thinke I may meete with M<sup>r</sup> Price, being very desirous to sette forward that gifte, from my L. Admiral.

yours euer and all assured

Ascotte.<sup>2</sup> 15. Ian. [1603].

Tho. Bodley.

LETTER 65.—<sup>1</sup> The Catalogue of 1605 is in great measure a reproduction of the 'Tables'. See *B. Q. R.*, vol. iii, pp. 46, 47.

<sup>2</sup> A manor in Oxfordshire of which Bodley was co-trustee (MS. Charters Oxon. a. 13, no. 230).



## 66

SIR, I haue sent yow Weston<sup>1</sup> by the cariar, which I pray yow cause to be bound, vpon my reckning, and place in the Librarie: where yow may haue good time, to peruse him at your pleasure. But for mine owne part, I haue read but a litle of the Epistle dedicatorie, wherein I sawe nothing that concerned yow: but his rude kinde of railing against D. Humfrey<sup>2</sup> and D. Rainoldes did so muche distast me, as looking for no better, but passionat mater, and riffe raffe wordes without discretion, I would reade no more of him. This weeke doth offer no other mater, for which I bidde yow and rebidde yow, and bidde yow againe a Dieu.

your very assured

Tho. Bodley

From Lond. Ia. 19. [1603].

## 67

SIR, I pray yow lette me put yow to the paines of writing out so muche of euery volume of your Talmud, as is in Latin, in the first leafe of euery tome, putting the number of the tome, (which yow shall finde noted, in the backe side of eche tome) with his latin inscription by it self: which is not as I thinke aboue 2. or 3. lines long, in eche tome. But withall I pray yow see whether there be not more Treatises then one in a tome, and therfore happely more Latine Inscriptions. I doe calle to minde that I haue read in some

LETTER 66.—<sup>1</sup> Edward Weston matriculated at Lincoln College on Mar. 20, 1579. He was author of several Catholic controversial works, one of which was *De triplici hominis officio*, published in 1602. The projected answer to this work, which it was intended should contain an account of the Bodleian (see Letter 83)

seems not to have been published. Sir Isaac Wake, in his funeral oration on Rainolds, President of C. C. C., repaid in kind 'the rude kinde of railing' of Weston's work.

<sup>2</sup> President of Magdalen College 1561-90.

autour, whether Genebrardus, Pagnine, Galatinus or some other, I knowe not, that hath distinctly sette downe, the whole diuision of the Talmud into his Tractes, bookes, chapters &c. If yow can remember any suche, or shall finde him in serche I pray yow signifie the writers name, that I may peruse him heere among Nortons bookes. It is for a purpos that will turne yow to some ease heerafter, and the studentes, to a great benefit, in regard of that which I will sette downe vpon an old Talmud,<sup>1</sup> which I haue gotten into my handes, being otherwise ordered then yours there, and half as bigge againe. I should wishe yow to knowe of M<sup>r</sup> Price, whether he persist in his former good intention, to moue my L. Admiral, to doe somewhat for the Librarie. I haue nothing more nowe, but hartie salutations to yow and my frindes.

your euer assured  
Tho. Bodley.

From London. Ian. 21. [1603].

## 68

SIR, I would yow could signifie vnto me, where I may finde M<sup>r</sup> Price, and M<sup>r</sup> Chandler. For heere I purpose to be sometimes, though not very often, nor long together: neither would I be at all, but onely to aduance the good of the Librarie. If yow direct your letters to Michael Nowen<sup>1</sup> the clockmaker in Litle S<sup>t</sup> Bartlemewes, they will be safely, and speedily deliuered. Which is all at this time

your assured frind  
Tho. Bodley.

From London Ian. 28. [1603].

LETTER 67.—<sup>1</sup> Probably the Talmud given by Mr. Thomas Docwra. It still retains its original pressmark, T. 2. 1-11 Th.: T. 3. 1-3 Th.

LETTER 68.—<sup>1</sup> In his will Bodley mentions 'my little watch which Michael

Nowen made me summe sixteene yeares past' (Macray, p. 403). A watch made by him is in the Ashmolean Museum. See Britten's *Old clocks and their makers*, 3rd ed., pp. 51, 249.

69

SIR, I pray yow looke on Iulius Pollux in greeke, whether Stephanus de Vrbib. be not ioined with it.<sup>1</sup>

Whether yow haue the 1. Tome of Gruterus his Fax artium liberalium. 8°.

Whether yow haue Scaynus in Arist. Organum 8°.

Whether yow haue Mornays answeare to D'Eureux 4°

Whether yow haue 1. To. Epitomes Baronij. 4°.

Whether yow haue fower<sup>2</sup> partes of Tracognata his historie in Ital. 4°.

As I take it, yow haue Aratus with an old Greeke comment in Greeke. I pray yow signifie the commentatours name, and the place of the print, or if neither be sette downe, lette me knowe the first wordes of the Proeme.

Signifie what part yow haue of Iacomo Bozio his hist. in Ital. della militia di S. Giouanni Gierosolymitno. f°

Whether yow haue the 1. 2. & 3 tome of Henr. Canisius<sup>3</sup> his Antiquæ Lectiones. 4°.

I neither heare of M<sup>r</sup> Price, nor M<sup>r</sup> Chandler, nor from yourself of those maters in our last conference, of which yow promised then, and by your last vnto me heere, to write your opinion.

your assured euer

London. Feb. 15. [1603].

Tho. Bodley

Vnles yow cause D. Bondes Manuscript Psalter to be bounde and put in the libr. I will say the fault is yours. For I knowe he wanteth but a remembrancer.

LETTER 69.—<sup>1</sup> See Letter 63. The two works mentioned are now in H. 5. 12 Art.

<sup>2</sup> = four. From James's annotations

to this Letter it appears that the Library had parts 1-3 only.

<sup>3</sup> James notes that part 3 is not in the Library.

Sir,



SIR, For mine owne part I doe not dislike, that a gentleman stranger, vpon request first made vnto the Congregation, should haue, as all others, free accesse into the Libr.<sup>1</sup> so that he take the same othe. For methinkes to require a caution withall, is to minister an othe to him that we trust not, and sauoureth of discourtesie. And astouching those pointes, of which yow informed me before, about the proceeding of M<sup>r</sup> Vicech. I pray yow lette them rest, till my comming to Oxon, which shall not be long: at which time we will also conferre about a clocke. In the meane while, we are to tolerat many thinges, in this first frequentation of the Librarie, which shall notwithstanding be reformed heerafter, when a perfect booke of statutes shall be framed for the purpose. The inconuenience of spitting can not otherwise be remedied, then by the increase of his diligence, that is to cleanse the Librarie: for which yow knowe I doe allowe 4. markes.

M<sup>r</sup> Tho. Sackuilles request can by no meanes be satisfied. For before we shall haue conueied a catalogue vnto him, of suche bookes as he requireth, and receaued his answer, or bookes out of Italy, I hope to be provided, by Io. Billes diligence of more then M<sup>r</sup> Sackuille can procure. For he hath bin already, at Venice, Ferrara, Padua, Verona, Brescia, Mantua, Pauia, Milan, Florence, Pisa, Rome &c. and hath bought as many bookes, as he knewe I had not, amounting to the summe, of at the lest, 400<sup>li</sup>. besides those that he may haue bought, sins his last vnto me, which was in December. In which respect I would intreat M<sup>r</sup> D. Riues, (to whome I pray yow commend me most kindly) to be a meanes to M<sup>r</sup> Sackuille, that he would

LETTER 70.—<sup>1</sup> The first 'extraneus' admitted to read in the Library was John Basire, a Frenchman, whose admission

is dated Feb. 15, 1603. See *B. Q. R.*, vol. ii, p. 148.

referre the choise of suche, as he is willing to conferre vpon the Librarie, either to my self, or to some frind of his, and then according to the summe, which he will bestowe, he shall haue the choiest in those kindes that he affecteth. Howbeit it will be requisit, that I knowe his resolution, with his speediest opportunitie: which is all I haue to signifie presently vnto yow.

your affectionat frind  
Tho. Bodley

London. Feb. 18. [1603].

I pray yow sende me worde, whether yow haue Ioseph ben Gorion in Heb. with Munsters translation, and scholia, in f<sup>o</sup>.

71

SIR, In my last the last weeke I requested your answer, astouching certaine bookes, whether yow had them, or not, which I expected by this cariar, but hauing heard nothing from yow, I must intreat yow againe, to send me your answer, and to doe the like heerafter, in all suche occasions: for that your differring, or not answering directly, may put me to the trouble of iterating my letters, and many times hinder the present good of the Librarie.<sup>1</sup> I pray yow signifie to me whether yow haue not a part of Bertachines reperi- torium<sup>2</sup> among the Erle of Essex Cales bookes,<sup>3</sup> and which part it is. Yow haue a Greeke Comment vpon Aratus f<sup>o</sup>. wherof I pray yow send me the Commentatours name, or the first wordes of the Proeme. I must likewise request yow once againe, to send me the true wordes

LETTER 71.—<sup>1</sup> The question about Aratus was asked in Letter 69, the request for the words of incorporation made in Letter 63. Bodley frequently complains of the incompleteness of James's answers.

<sup>2</sup> See the following Letter, in which it is stated to be Part 4. It was again asked for in Letter 85, after the complete work had been sent.

<sup>3</sup> See *B. Q. R.*, vol. iii, pp. 239-44.

of the incorporation of the Vniuersitie, wherein yow may not faile, in regard of the annuities which I am nowe in hand to conuey with the Kinges licence,<sup>4</sup> to the Vniuersitie. And I would desire to haue it speedily. I doe not finde vpon your Catalogues Borghini 4°. of the State of Florence. nor a booke of praiers in Heb. 8. ad vsum Iudæorum Polonia, which title is in Heb. and not in Latine, which are in the Librarie. Adieu.

your assured euer  
Tho. Bodley.

Feb. 23. [1603].

## 72

SIR, I pray yow lette me intreat yow, as I haue done heeretofore, to answer euery point of my letters vnto yow. I shall be otherwise forced, to your trouble, aswell as mine owne to write twice of one mater, and so to leese the opportunities, of doing that good, that I might for the Librarie. Yow signifie nothing to me, what protestants bookes are wanting in the libr. which I requested to knowe by this weekes first cariar:<sup>1</sup> for that otherwise it will not com in time to Io. Billes handes, who is gone to the Mart. I pray yow send me hither 4<sup>am</sup>. part. Repertorij Bertachini, because I haue bought the whole for the Librarie, being 5. vol. As for all other maters astouching mens abuses offered there vnto yow I hope all the while yow and I stand well affected, yow haue learned to contemne all vnderseed

<sup>4</sup> Queen Elizabeth was for some time before her death on Mar. 24, 1603, incapable of transacting state business. Her death was several times reported before it actually occurred.

LETTER 72.—<sup>1</sup> The request is not to be found in any extant letter. Possibly

it was on a separate postscript, now lost, to Letter 71. The carrier would have arrived in London on Mar. 1. The reference to Bertachini's Repertorium shows that an answer to Letter 71 had been received.



speeches and complaints. Wherewith I betak yow to Gods protection.

your affectionat frind  
Tho. Bodley.

London. Mar. 2. [1603].

73

SIR, Yow shall doe me a pleasure, to send me worde, what stoare of wire, claspes and cheines remaineth in your handes, or M<sup>r</sup> Principals, to the end I may make my prouision thereafter. Yow shall doe well in my opinion to calle vpon Doctour Bonde, but as from your self, for the putting in of his old Englishe Psalter. I hapned this morning to cast an eye vpon the catalogue of bookes of M<sup>r</sup> Farmour<sup>1</sup> of Sommerton: and me thinkes there are diuers of them already in the Librarie: and therfor not to be cheined, if so be they be not yet brought in. Heere are newly arriued 2. drie fattes of bookes, which Io. Bille hath sent for me from Venice, and I expect euery day the comming of other shippes with more. I would gladly vnderstand, whether the Lady Russel hath promised any bookes, and howe she liked the Librarie: wherof as yet I heard nothing from M<sup>r</sup> Allen. Which is all at this present, that I haue to request, recommending your endeouours to Gods speciall direction.

your euer assured

London Marche. 4 [1603].

Tho. Bodley.

LETTER 73.—<sup>1</sup> Knighted on May 11, 1603. He is described as Sir Richard Farmer of Sommerton in Bodley's letter

of July 1603 to the Vice-Chancellor, printed in Hearne's *Joannis Glaston. chronica*, vol. ii, p. 628.

## 74

SIR, Heerewith yow shall receaue the Imperfections of Tract. Doct. which I thinke are as many as yow haue formerly signified. I pray yow cause them to be put in assoone as yow can, lest a leafe should be lost, which can not after be recouered

Mar. 7. [1603].

your ass. frind  
Tho. Bodley.

Yet I can not heare of Mr Price or Mr Chanderler. I haue lost the opportunitie of writing to Io. Bille.<sup>1</sup>

## 75

SIR, In the note of imperfection, which yow founde in the Interlin. Bible, yow signifie that, ab 11<sup>o</sup>. Vers. Cap. 15. Deut. deest ad finem Libri, which I finde is impossible, for that 11<sup>us</sup>. Versus is in a maner about the middle of the page. I pray yow cleere me therin, and what is wanting shall be sent, as well in that, as in Brentius. In your letter this weeke, yow make no mention of, Nouus orbis Regionum & Insularum. f<sup>o</sup>. Bas. 1537. which I desired to knowe, whether it were in the Libr. Also nowe I would request yow to tell me, whether yow haue Dionis Chrysost. orationes 8<sup>o</sup>./Opuscula et Quodlibeta Caietani, cum Tract. de autoritate Papæ et Concilij f<sup>o</sup>. Ven. 1514./Hugonis Senensis Concilia Medica./Paulus Venetus De Anima, cum eiusdem quadratura./I can not yet answer that point of Mr Munday, till I heare from Henr. Balle, what mony he will write for, wherof I pray yow aske him the question, and then all together shall be paid heere in London.<sup>1</sup>

London. Mar. 16. [1603].

your ever assured  
Tho. Bodley.

LETTER 74.—<sup>1</sup> See Letter 72. The required list had not been sent by Mar. 1.

LETTER 75.—<sup>1</sup> The Letter is annotated.

76

SIR, This day fortnight I sent yow the supplies of the Imperfections of Tractatus Doctorum, which, I doe not vnderstand, whether yow haue receaued. I pray yow write to Io. Smith, to prouide 400. cheines, against 3. weekes before the Act. Which I thinke will be timely enough: withall I would willingly knowe what stoare yow haue lefte of clippes, cheines, and wire. Lette me knowe by your next, whether yow haue Ant. Butrius super 6. Decretal. M<sup>r</sup> Warden of Newe college will be able to tell yow, whether the B. of Winchester<sup>r</sup> haue giuen 50<sup>li</sup>. as M<sup>r</sup> Chaundler. For I doubt it muche. I pray yow signifie vnto me whether M<sup>r</sup> Searchefilde be Doctour of Diuinitie, and howe his name is truly written of M<sup>r</sup> Price I heare nothing, wheras if he and I might conferre, I would easly plotte to gette those bookes. Wherewith I commend yow to Gods good tuition  
your affectionat frind

Mar. 21. London [1603].

Tho. Bodley.

Looking for Bouio his treatises, I doe onely finde Fulmine di Bouio, wheras there are two other tractes at the lest of his, ether in the same volume or in some other: for whiche it will be very requisit, that at your leasure times, yow should suruey euery volume againe, for that otherwise, when they come to printing, we shall make the Librarie poorer then it is. For the Hebr. and Greeke bookes, at my comming next to Oxon, I will take suche order, as their titles shall be rightly sette downe in your print. Againe A Dieu.

I pray yow write me what yow haue of Boterus workes, for that your Catalogue is obscure in the rehersal.

LETTER 76.—<sup>1</sup> Thomas Bilson, Bishop of Winchester. His donation of £50 was reported to Convocation in May 1604.



SIR, The last weeke I could hardly attend the answearing of your letter, for that our publike occasions <sup>1</sup> sette vs otherwise a worke. But still I had a care, that by the next cariar after our Lady day, I would discharge my debt vnto yow: which nowe I send heer-inclosed: being 20. nobles for your self, and 13<sup>s</sup>. 4<sup>d</sup>. for that partie whiche cleāseth the Librarie. I thinke Mr Tailour of Merton College, hath bestowed some bookes vpon the Libr. as it was his promise heere to me: and for ought I could perceaue, the most of them were suche, as were already in the Libra. For which I would intreat yow to send me a note of suche as he hath deliuered, and for the bookes, to reserue those to be placed in the Libr. which yow haue not already, and the rest to send hither, to the end I may exchange them for others, as my promise was heere vnto himself. Likewise if yow shall haue receaued any other giftebookes, of which I haue not bin aduertised, I pray yow signifie the giuers names, together with the Catalogue of their bookes, to the end I may write them downe vpon my publike Register.<sup>2</sup> Wherewith I commend yow most hartely, to the Almightyes tuicion.

your euer assured

Tho. Bodley.

London. Mar. 29. [1603].

I pray yow tell Mr Allen, that my wife hath sent her ladies rent in a bottle, by the cariar of St Io. College.

LETTER 77.—<sup>1</sup> The death of Queen Elizabeth on Mar. 24.

<sup>2</sup> The Register was afterwards printed. See Letter 55, note 3.

## 78

SIR, I am vtterly ignorant, who M<sup>r</sup> Canning<sup>1</sup> is, and what he bestowed, or to whome his mony was deliuered: which makes, that I can not impart my aduise vnto yow. But if any summe were deliuered in mony, methinkes yow or I should be able by some meanes, to procure the deliuerie: wherein I will doe my best endeuour, vpon your further certificat. As yet I haue not heard, of any bookes deliuered to M<sup>r</sup> Principal, by M<sup>r</sup> Tailour, but I will write vnto him about it. I will also make knowen to M<sup>r</sup> Vice-chancellour, that my L. of Northumberland giueth one hundred poundes to the Librarie, Sir Walter Raleigh 50.<sup>11</sup> and Sir Edm. Vdal as much: for which I will intreat him, to moue the Vniuersitie, for their letters vnto them of publike thanks. The Kinges speedy comming or staieng, may make me differre my iorney to Oxon: otherwise I purpose to be with yow er be long: beseeching God the while to blesse all your actions.

your very assured frind  
Tho. Bodley.

London. Ap. 5. [1603].

## 79

SIR, Because in your letter by this cariar, yow make me no answer, to that which I desired, to knowe [of] M<sup>r</sup> Canning, I am forced twice to trouble both yow and my self. For it is very requisit, that euery contributour should be knowen vnto me, and likewise to whome they deliuer their mony, that occasion seruing, I may shewe my self thankfull to the giuer, whose name I must

LETTER 78.—<sup>1</sup> See Letters 51, 82. Apparently there was some difficulty in securing the donation, which is included

in Bodley's list of the donations of 1602-3, read in Convocation on July 7, 1603.

record, and withall require his gifte, of him that did receaue it. And if it shall happen, that it be not fourth comming, I will bothe impart my aduise vnto yow, about the recouery: and conceale his name from the knowledge of others, as long as is fitte.

The breeding of wormes in your deskes, we can not preuent: but for the mouldring of the bookes, it may soone be remedied, if the cleanser of the Librarie doe his duty. For I doe expect at his handes, that for my 4. markes stipend, he should not onely sweepe the Libr. but at the lest twice a quarter, with cleane clothes strike away the dust and mouldring of the bookes: which I am of opinion, will not then continue long, sith nowe it proceedeth chiefly of the newnes of the forrels, which in time will be lesse and lesse dankishe. As touching the casements, I will take some order, at my comming to Oxon, which shall be, God willing, within this fortnight, commend- ing yow the while to Gods blessed protection.

your affectionat euer

Tho. Bodley.

Ap. 13. [1603].

## 80

SIR, I pray yow speake to M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellours Deputie in my behalf, and intreat him to suffer yow, to send me hither M<sup>r</sup> Nortons Herbal,<sup>1</sup> for which he hath present, and very special vse. Howbeit I shall be assured of an other as good, or rather better. I pray yow faile not to send it by the first. I haue no leasure, to enlarge this letter, or to write of sundrie other pointes, as I am desirous. But I receaued your letter and suche thinges as yow sent, expecting your answeare to those other pointes, which yow sette

LETTER 80.—<sup>1</sup> Gerard's *Herbal*, which Norton published in 1597, and of which he presented a copy to the Library.



downe on your memorial, and commending yow the while to Gods good tuition.<sup>2</sup>

L<sup>o</sup>. May. 6. [1603].

your assured  
Tho. Bodley.

M<sup>r</sup> Duncame of Kirton in Devon, his proper name yow may learne in Exetter college, by the meanes, as I take it, of M<sup>r</sup> Hake-will.

## 81

SIR, I can not calle to minde, what old Englishe MS. Bible yow meane, that was giuen by William Williams, neither can I remember, that euer before yow writte vnto me of it. Whether it be bounde or vnbound, a perfect Bible or onely a parcel, or whether it be worth the registering of his name I can not coniecture. And as for M<sup>r</sup> Canning, yow doe not signifie the place of his dwelling, to the end I may thanke him, nor to whome his mony there was paid: in the bestowing wherof there may be an errour soone committed, by buieng suche bookes, as I haue already bought heere. And therfor vnles it were by his special appointment, that some man named by him is to buy them, I knowe better howe to imploy his mony, then any other, by reason of the multitude of bookes, which I haue heere sent ont of Italy and other places. I am sorie, that I tooke not my self, at my being in Oxon, the names of those Rabins, that haue commented, vpon eche booke of the Bible, in bothe of them that yow haue there which is easely seene, by the meanest Hebrician in the first page of the first volumes. And if it be so that your self can not preuaile so muche with any of those that are skilled, I pray yow cause them to be intreated vnto it, by some Doctour or other that can

<sup>2</sup> James has written on this Letter 'Will. Canning Merchant Venturer, Civis Londinensis'—evidently a note for the letter to which Letter 81 is an answer.

preuaile

preuaile so farre. For I make a stay of an other Bible heere vntill suche time, as I may heare, whether it be the same, as any of those two, which I and Sir Io. Fortescue gaue. Once I finde that this heere doth agree with neither of those, in the time of the printing, nor in diuers other thinges : and yet happely the same Rabins expositions, are in other as are in this. Which is all for the present.

your affectionat euer

Tho. Bodley.

London May. 11. [1603].

## 82

SIR, With your frindly letter, I haue receaued a note of those Rabins, which commented on one of your Heb. Bibles, but which of them yow doe not signifie : wheras I desired of bothe : and so I shall request yow to procure in my behalf, with many thanks to the partie for his paines, in this. Withall I am desirous to knowe, whether Rab. Shelomoh Iarrhi hath not commented on some part of that Bible, wherof yow sent me the note, because he faileth not commonly, to be one among the Rabins. I doe very well calle to minde, that yow sent me the Catalogue once before, of these bookes of M<sup>r</sup> Cannings, which because I had not, I would not refuse : but had I then knowen that his gifte had bin 5<sup>li</sup>. in mony, I would haue imploied it vpon bookes of a greater volume for the most, and autours of more worth, for that many of these, are hardly worth the hauing. Besides I did alwaies imagine, that the partie of Trinitie Col. had receaued M<sup>r</sup> Cannings mony, and not bought any bookes therewith : wheras it seemeth now, that it was some other, and as for this 5<sup>li</sup>. to whome it was deliuered, I doe not yet knowe. As touching the Englishe old Manuscript Test. in greene veluet, if there be but one in the Librarie, as I haue no remembrance of any more sent by me,

it

it was the gifte of one Springham,<sup>1</sup> whose proper name I knowe not, but a good acquaintance of mine, that I can not well conceaue, wherupon it is fathered vpon William Williams, of whome I neuer heard before. I pray yow signifie with some certaintie [*sic*], whether M<sup>r</sup> Grosseuonours<sup>2</sup> name be so written, or as yow write him, in an other place, Grosnour: for bothe waies yow name. God be mercifull both to yow and to vs, in this danger of infection,<sup>3</sup> which groweth on vs heere, aswell as with yow. But if [it] shall continue, some course shall be thought on for the Libr. Wherewith I commend your welfare to the Almightie.

your euer assured  
Tho. Bodley

18. May [1603].

## 83

SIR, I am vtterly against it, that there should be any mention of their names and giftes, that are the chieftest contributours, to the Libr. for that fewe in that case, would be willingly omitted: and the gifte of the greatest, is hardly worth the publishing, as a mater of much moment: besides that the number increaseth continually:

LETTER 82.—<sup>1</sup> Printed in the Donations-register without forename.

<sup>2</sup> Richard Grosseuener gave MSS. in 1603.

<sup>3</sup> Plague broke out in London early in the summer of 1603, and was at its height in August and September. See Creighton's *Hist. of epidemics*, vol. i, pp. 476-97. It appeared in Oxford in July, and raged till the end of the year, the beginning of Michaelmas Term being postponed to Dec. 5th. It reappeared in April 1604, but was soon suppressed. The record of readers in the Library con-

tained in MS. Bodley 763, which extends to Nov. 7, 1603, shows that the Library remained open at least down to that date. During July and August the attendance there was considerably in excess of that of any of the previous months, while no very marked diminution in numbers took place in September or October, and the average for the few days of November included is higher than any before reached. Wood's account of the effects of the plague (*Hist.*, ed. Gutch, vol. ii, pp. 279, 280) is perhaps somewhat exaggerated.

and,



and, as I am perswaded, when those that are to come after, shall see no likelihood of occasion to be honored as the former, by some publike monument, it may slacken their deuotion. And as for my self, I am wholly vncertaine, howe farre I shall proceede in my expense about that worke: hauing hitherto made no determinat designe, but purposing to doe, as my abilitie shall affourde, (which may increase or diminishe) and as God shall spare me life: although vnto my self, I doe resolute in a general proiect, to doe more then I am willing, to publishe to the world. It may suffice in my conceat, if the partie imploied in the answer to Weston<sup>1</sup> shall but signifie in general, to what forwardnesse that worke of so great a publike benefit, is already brought by my meanes in special, and then by the aide of suche my honorable frindes and others, as in affection to me, and for the aduancement of learning, haue bin moued to sette their helping hand to it: so as in time it is like, and perhaps very shortly, [to be] a most admirable ornament aswell of the state, as of the Vniuersitie: to the effecting wherof though many men concurre, yet the plotting and ordering of all thinges, and the bulke of all the burden for mater of cost and otherwise, both hath and will be mine: wherin as I will not assume the desertes to my self of other mens bounties, so I would not that mine owne in a publike memorial should be lessened. Neuertheles it would not carie, in my iudgement, either credit or grace, to report to the world, what I doe further intend, sith God knoweth what may falle inter calicem &c. I long to knowe the parties name that is in hand with that worke: and I pray yow be a meanes, before any thing be printed, that I may see what is saied of my self and others. Because I haue bin disappointed of my hopes of bookes from out of Turkie, I doe intend er be long, to send a scholler of sette purpose, who is very well studied both in the Hebr. and Arabicke tongues, whose errand shall be onely, to seeke out bookes for the Libr.<sup>2</sup> I am likewise determined to send an other [to]

LETTER 83.—<sup>1</sup> See Letter 66 and note 1.

<sup>2</sup> See Letter 218.

Spaine,<sup>3</sup> wherof I will tell yow more heereafter. Our bookes from the mart are not yet come hither: nor many of those that were bought for me [in] Italy. Howbeit I will send away those, that I haue heere already, and conuey the rest after, as thei com. I hope yow shall haue 3. drie fattes there,<sup>4</sup> vpon friday com seuenight, wishing that yow would write for Io. Smith to com thither within seuenight after, by which time I doe not doubt, but yow will haue placed all the bookes. Gretzerus<sup>5</sup> is comming with my bookes from the mart, and then it shall be sent yow presently. Whether I shall com with my bookes I knowe not, but I will not be long in comming after. In the meane while, I wishe your welfare and hartes desires all good successe.

your euer assured

Tho. Bodley

London 7. Iune. [1603].

## 84

SIR, I doe not doubt but yow haue diuers bookes double, which proceedeth in part of the imperfection of your Catalogue, wherein are sundrie bookes omitted that are in the Librarie: but withall the fault is mine and Io. Billes, who dealing with multitudes, must of force make many scapes. The deskes for lawe would be extended, as also those for diuinitie: which yet if yow please, to lette stande, till I come, we shall resolute the better on it, to both our owne, and

<sup>3</sup> John Bill was sent to Spain in 1604. See Letter 114.

<sup>4</sup> Books were generally stored in Bodley's 'gallerie' in London, being sent to Oxford in the June of each year in order that they might be newly on the shelves of the Library at the Act. They were usually transported by barge to Burcot, a village in Oxfordshire, and thence by road to Oxford (see Letter 160) the Thames at that time not being navigable

for large barges as far as Oxford. An Act was passed in 1623 for making the river navigable between Burcot and Oxford, but it was not till August 31, 1635, that the first barge reached the city. See F. S. Thacker, *The Thames highway*, pp. 62-89.

<sup>5</sup> 'De iure et more prohibendi, expurgandi et abolendi libros haereticos,' published in 1603.

others contentation. Yow neede make no doubt, but Io. Bille hath gotten euery where, what the place would affourd: for his commission was large, his leasure very good, and his paiment sure at home. I pray yow differre the cheining of the Greeke MS. till yow and I meete: for that some may be cheined, and others not yet printed, kept in safer custody. I haue sent backe M<sup>r</sup> Principals hamper, with 10. vol. in f<sup>o</sup>. and 11. in 4. and 8. which I pray yow put into the Librarie, and cause the hamper to be deliuer[ed] M<sup>r</sup> Principal, with my kindest commendations, which I my self will write by the next the next weeke, with many many thankes for his paines about my bookes. For the cariage of the hamper, yow must make me debtour, as for those other thinges which I will discharge at my comming to Oxon. Salue Vale.

Iune. 23. [1603].

your assured  
Tho. Bodley

The hamper of bookes is directed to your self. Paulus Diaconus, being heere to be had shallbe bought and sent.

## 85

SIR, Your mony is paied to M<sup>r</sup> Seton, and yow shall haue the rest at my comming to Oxon, which if I come not the sooner, shall be otherwise sent. I doe also determine to send yow 300. clippes more, which I thinke will serue the turne, though I doubt that this weeke they will not be ready. I for my part hold it requisit, that students should forbear to frequent the Librarie, while the bookes are in cheining, which will be quickly dispatched.<sup>1</sup> As concerning your vacation, albeit the old statut allowed a moneth, vpon the Vice-

LETTER 85.—<sup>1</sup> The Library was closed for this purpose June 28—July 2 (inclusive).

chancellours



chancellours liking, yet I should thinke it expedient, that there should be no vacation in the Libr. at all :<sup>2</sup> but that the keeper being absent vpon vrgent occasions, an other might be found to supplie his rowme, till his returne : in regard of the long time, which good students should leese, and because it is to be presumed, that suche gentlemen and strangers, as shall haue a desire, to spend some time in that place, will chiefly make choise of the long vacation : besides that many great ones of this Court, are like this sommer to come thither. The sicknesse heere in London,<sup>3</sup> will not suffer me to stay the binding of more bookes, which I would willingly doe, hauing newly receaued more out of Italy. I pray yow signifie vnto me what partes yow haue receaued of Reusnerus de bello Turcico, to which I will send by the next vpon Friday one volume more, and likewise an other part of Carlo Ruini his consilia, which was not bound when I sent away my bookes. Yow haue, as I take it, 4<sup>ta</sup> pars Repertorij Bertachini, and want the other partes being 4. more : for which I pray yow send it me hither by the next, because I haue sent him to yow complete, by the drie fattes, and that 4<sup>th</sup>. tome must be deliuered to Io. Bille. Yow must remember to calle to M<sup>r</sup> Allen for Tychon Brahe his last booke, and cheine with the rest as likewise your Weston.<sup>4</sup> I thinke yow shall finde of Barbatias workes som double tomes, which nowe at this cheining would be sette apart, to be sent heereafter hither. I pray yow also signifie, whether yow haue Sybillæ Speculum peregrinarum quæstionum 8°. I haue for the most of those, which I sent vnto yow lastly, bounde sundrie autours together, to the end the multiplicite of cheines might not take away the sight and shewe of the bookes : for which it will behooue yow, to looke ouer and peruse euery volume precisely, lest any should

<sup>2</sup> Bodley wished to restrict severely the number of days on which the Library was closed. See Letters 132, 153 and note, 231 and note 1.

<sup>3</sup> The Plague. See Letter 82, note 3.

<sup>4</sup> The work was placed among quartos (4° W. 3 Th.) and consequently not chained, but was later transferred to the folios (W. 2. 8 Th.). It is now press-marked MM. 14 Th.

seeme wanting, which is there notwithstanding. And thus for this time, I bidde yow hartely farewell.

your euer assured

Tho. Bodley

London. Iune. 24. [1603].

## 86

SIR, For diuers respectes, there would be great inconuenience for me to send my bookes to Oxon,<sup>1</sup> as when we meete, yow will allowe. I haue sent by the cariar directed to yow, 300. clippes, and a rolle of wire. I will intreat Mr Principal to supplie my rowme,<sup>2</sup> in deuising where to place the two casements and to sette them vp before the Act. About the ladder, I haue somewhat in my minde, to impart at my comming, for which I can not well answeare that point of your letter, but by worde of mouth, and vpon some conference with my frindes there in place. I should not hold it fitte to place any casement in the great windowe, at the vpper end of the Librarie. Gretzerus yow shall haue assoone as the Mart bookes are come, but as yet heere is nothing heard of their arriual. I will not, God willing, be absent from yow long, albeit I am vncertaine what day to assigne. To morowe I am determind to goe for Fulham altogether, by reason of the sicknesse, which increaseth exceedingly : for which I would request yow, whatsoever letters yow shall like, to send heer-after vnto me, vnles yow happen to meete with better meanes, to direct them to Mr Halle<sup>3</sup> the minister of Litle St Bartlemewes, whose house is in the churchyard of the parishe. And thus wishing the continuance of your welfare, I betake yow to the almightie.

your trew affected frind

London Iune 29. [1603].

Tho. Bodley.

The letters which yow shall addresse vnto me would be put within a couer directed to the foresaid minister. I must intreat yowr care in the custodie of suche wire and clippes as shall be lefte by Iohn Cheinman.

LETTER 86.—<sup>1</sup> Owing to the Plague.

<sup>2</sup> i. e. to act for me.

<sup>3</sup> William Hall, Vicar of St. Bartholomew the Less 1583–1612.

## 87

SIR, As I was going for Fulham, I mette your letter at my doare, which made me turne backe, to signifie for answeare, that I haue sent yow clippes and wire : and if yow finde the wire too weake, it shall be bettered in the next, doubting nothing presently, but that there will not be sufficient, to serue your turne for this time. I can not but allowe of your aduise, to haue a table, and therin a list of all mens names and giftes, that either by bookes or mony, haue increased the Librarie, and that to remaine in the place it self, till the Register be finished. Howbeit I stand in doubt, it will nowe be too late, for that the time is too short, for the making of a faire, and well written table, wherin our care must be answeareable, to the rest of that worke. From Fulham, God willing, I will send a note, as I was wont, vnto Mr Vicechanc. of all contributours vnto the Librarie, sins your last commencement,<sup>1</sup> and withall will shewe the reason, why the Register booke is not sent : wherin I hope to giue content to him and euery other. There is much to be considered, in the order of placing the contributours vpon any table, for that otherwise offense will be easely taken by one or other. And so fare yow well, because my tide doth calle me away.

your affectionat frind  
Tho. Bodley.

Iune 30. [1603].

## 88

SIR, There is no man lother then my self, to bidde farewell to an old frind : and therefor your desire in your letter, I will yeld vnto most willingly, without any repetition of that which is past.<sup>1</sup>

LETTER 87.—<sup>1</sup> The list was read in Convocation on July 7, 1603. It is printed in Hearne's *Joannis Glaston. chronica*, vol. ii, pp. 628, 629.

LETTER 88.—<sup>1</sup> The request seems to have been connected with the disposal of duplicates.

Heerwith



Heerwith I send yow D. Airays Catalogue : and I haue requested M<sup>r</sup> Principal, M<sup>r</sup> Gent, and M<sup>r</sup> Allen, to assist yow in your change, leauing all that buisnesse to your dispositions: wherin M<sup>r</sup> D. Airay hath also promised, to impart vnto yow his best aduise. Because I am at Fulham, and heere your Oxford letters, com so late vnto my handes, as I can hardly write and send an answer, to be returned to my frindes, by the same cariar, I am presently forced to be shorter then I would be : besides the occasions that I haue, to write at this time to M<sup>r</sup> Gent and M<sup>r</sup> Principal, with whome I pray yow conferre about a general Catalogue,<sup>2</sup> to be taken exactly of all the bookes in the Librarie: wherof, I am informed, he hath cast his plotte already, howe it may be very speedily and sufficiently contriued. And so I commend your studies and welfare to Gods gracious protection.

your assured frind

From Fulham. Dec. 8. [1603].<sup>3</sup>

Tho. Bodley.

## 89

SIR, for that I haue occasion in many things, to conferre with yow about the Librarie, and am letted through the sicknesse of my wife, to come to Oxon vnto yow, I shall intreat yow some day this weeke, at your owne choise, to make a steppe hither, to tarie for a night and a day. Yow shall be very welcome, and yow shall pleasure me muche, and I will pay for your horsehire: besides that the maters of our conference, will concerne your self in many things, and can not well be debated, by my short aboade in Oxford, which

<sup>2</sup> Probably a reference to the Catalogue contained in MS. Bodl. 763 (described in *B. Q. R.*, vol. ii, pp. 148, 149) which appears to have been a first attempt at a completely alphabetical catalogue.

<sup>3</sup> The date of this Letter is very un-

certain. Michaelmas Term began on Dec. 5th, having been postponed on account of the Plague (see Letter 82, note 3). The absence of Letters in the second half of 1603 is doubtless due to the difficulties of communication from this cause.

is much interrupted alwaies, by the companie of my frindes. Thus expecting your comming, I betake yow to God.

Ascotte. Dec. 26. [1603].<sup>1</sup>

your assured frind  
Tho. Bodley.

Yow forgette me muche about the Catalogue,<sup>2</sup> which yow promised 5. weekes sines, I should haue within a fortnight

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SIR, Till Io. Bill be returned, I shall rest vncertaine, what number of bookes I shall bring. But yet I hope there will be more, then I expected, at the first, considering howe muche I haue bin letted, through the long continuance of the sicknesse. Your mony I had made long sines vnto yow, but that I thought your self, according to your custome, would haue signified vnto whome it should haue bin deliuered. I haue nowe heerinclosed sent a bille for Mr Munday to pay 7<sup>li</sup>. 6<sup>s</sup>. 8<sup>d</sup>. I would not, by no meanes, differ the printing of your Catalogue, but till after the Act: for which I would intreat yow, to meditat vpon it, howe it may be perfourmed, to bothe our credits and contentes. I am somewhat discouraged, with this last renouation of the sicknesse in Catte streete: but God will turne it I hope, from taking holdfast in the Colleges: which I wishe very hartely, with all kinde of happinesse, to your owne estate and welfare

your true affected frind  
Tho. Bodley.

London. Ap<sup>l</sup>. 12 [1604].

LETTER 89.—<sup>1</sup> The date of this Letter is very uncertain. It is addressed to James as 'Keeper of the Vniuersitie Librarie' (a form of address not used before October 1602, Letters of earlier dates having been usually directed to New College) and is probably of a year in which December 26 fell early in the week. Only one other Letter (no. 65) is addressed

from Ascot.

<sup>2</sup> In Letter 8 Bodley writes of a 'Catalogue of benefactours', and the catalogue here referred to may not improbably be the Register of readers' attendances in the Library between Nov. 8, 1602, and Nov. 7, 1603. See Letter 82, note 3, and B. Q. R., vol. iii, pp. 212-18.

Yow

Yow haue Aristophanes in Greeke with an old Greeke Scholia vpon it. I pray yow send me worde, in half a line, howe the Scholia doth beginne, vpon the 1. Comædie *Πλοῦτος*: and where your booke was printed.

## 91

SIR, As touching Aristophanes, I am fully satisfied. And for the readinesse of your Catalogue, my meaning is, that yow should cast exactly with your self, (for no man, I knowe, can doe it better) what number of Deskes, may in likelihood be fitte, to serue the turne of euery facultie, and that no autour be omitted, where many are bounde in one volume together. Whereby I vnderstand, that Micropresb. Othodoxograph [*sic*] Tractatus Doctorum, Bibliotheca Patrum and suche like, shall goe but for one title,<sup>1</sup> it being knowen right well, to suche as are acquainted with any of those workes, that they are full of litle tractes, of which I doe not doubt, but the same may be found a part againe: which may, in my opinion, be very requisit, to be doubled. And touching your question, whether Lawe or Physicke, shall take the first place, I doe finde it agreed on, by most men, that Lawe in most places hath the precedence, and as the faculties are martialed nowe in the Librarie, we haue giuen it vnto them:<sup>2</sup> so as in my iudgement, we shall doe best, to passe it in

LETTER 91.—<sup>1</sup> After some discussion it was decided that individual authors in collectaneous volumes should be separately catalogued. The large number of titles thus added formed one of the reasons for the delay in the publication of the printed Catalogue.

<sup>2</sup> It appears both from this Letter and from the Catalogue written for Bodley's use in the autumn of 1602 (see Letter 50) that the order in which the Facul-

ties were placed in the Library was originally Theology, Law, Medicine, Arts. In the Catalogue printed in 1605 Medicine (Med.) is placed immediately after Theology (Th.) and is followed by Law (Jur.) and Arts (Art.). As in all probability the Catalogue followed the arrangement of the books on the shelves, it would seem that the changed order was introduced with the re-arrangements made in 1604. At that date the book-cases in

silence,



silence, without making any question, in any company of it. Among those bookes, which I shall send vnto yow, before the Act, yow shall find a Treatise of one, that hath handled the question of purpose, and concludeth for Lawe. And besides it may be saied, that if we goe from Diuinitie to the next in circuit in the libr.<sup>3</sup> Art may seeme to folowe next, and then Physicke and lawe. Howsoever I am vtterly vnwilling, that the mater should be put to the publike question, sith nowe it is so quietly tolerated, as it is. And so for this time adieu.

your euer alike and truly affected  
Tho. Bodley

Ap. 18. [1604].

92

SIR, I will be at the charge of printing the Catalogue,<sup>1</sup> and so I pray yow signifie to Mr Barnes, with whome, for the price, I will accord, at my comming to Oxon: praieng him the while to provide suche newe chaces, and rulers, with all other necessaries, as that worke shall require: to the end the Catalogue may be printed as-soone as is possible. The next weeke, God willing, I will send away my bookes, and purpose my self, to be with yow shortly after: a

Duke Humfrey's Library had on each side a separate sequence from East [now Arts End] to West [now Selden End] Theology then occupying the whole of the cases on the South side, and the three other Faculties being placed on the North side. Each side has 9 alcoves, and, as in 1603 Theology occupied  $6\frac{1}{2}$  cases and Law  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , probably at that time the books in the latter Faculty were shelved at the end of Theology on the South side. In 1604 the provision of additional accommodation for Theology necessitated the transfer of Law from the South to the

North side, and the question dealt with in this Letter is whether Law should dispossess Medicine of the first position on that side, or, as appears to have been actually done, be placed after it.

<sup>3</sup> i. e. taking the cases on the North side of Duke Humfrey's Library in the reverse order (West to East) to that intended.

LETTER 92.—<sup>1</sup> The Catalogue, which forms the chief subject of the following Letters, is described in the *B. Q. R.*, vol. i, pp. 228, 229. See also *B. Q. R.*, vol. iii, pp. 46-50.

which

which time we shall agree vpon the Letter,<sup>2</sup> and all thinges els in doubt. I pray yow send me Bacon, and as for Hadrianus ioined with him, he shall be returned bound with some other. Yow forgotte to send me word as touching the chestes<sup>3</sup> to be placed in the windowes for the vse of the smaller bookes, what length, depth, and bredth thei may be of, and what number of bookes yow thinke they may conteine: wherein I shall request yow to vse the aduise of M<sup>r</sup> Principal Hawley in special, and to commend me most hartely vnto him. I would receaue your answear by the first the next weeke, for that I purpose therupon to send some wenscotte with my bookes. Yow must needes aduenture to send 2 or 3 letters to Io. Cheinman, by seuerall messengers, whereby some one may com to his handes. Commend me most hartely to your brother.

your euer assured  
Tho. Bodley

London. Iunij 13. [1604].

## 93

SIR, I thanke yow very hartely for your letter by this cariar, and for the paines that yow haue taken, in disposing the bookes. But I pray yow consider with your frindes, whether it will not suffice, to allotte but one Deske to Physicke.<sup>1</sup> For if so be one deske

<sup>2</sup> i. e. type.

<sup>3</sup> The idea of the 'chests' seems to have been abandoned, shelving for the octavos being obtained in the West End gallery. See Letter 127 and note.

LETTER 93.—<sup>1</sup> In 1604 the distribution of book-cases was, Theology 9—Medicine  $1\frac{1}{2}$ —Law 3—Arts  $4\frac{1}{2}$ , the number of folio volumes in these divisions being 1510, 204, 527, 985 respectively. A case contained 18 shelves, each of about 3 ft. 8 in. in length, and the average number of volumes to a shelf appears

to have been assumed to be 16. A single case would thus have held 288 volumes, and space for 84 additional volumes of Medicine would have been left. The reduction in the amount of space allotted to Arts in order to increase the provision for Law was not justified by the comparative numbers of volumes in these Faculties, and Arts was in all probability badly overcrowded when, in 1612, it was transferred to the newly-erected Arts End.

and half, may conteine, as yow haue signified, 238. in  $\text{f}^{\circ}$ . more in Physicke, then are there already, considering howe slowly men publishe in Physicke great volumes in  $\text{f}^{\circ}$ . methinkes one Deske might serue the turne, and the other half be conuerted to the Facultie of Lawe, which will vndoubtedly require fve times more then Physicke. Howbeit I leaue it to your self, to doe heerin as yow see cause. If Kaies will make a chiste for trial, at his owne charge, I could wishe it were donne, for that at my comming, it will helpe me muche in my resolution, to see a paterne of our proiect. To your letter by Mundaies cariar, I returned my answer<sup>2</sup> by him againe, which I hope yow haue receaued. It should seeme, that assigning onely 4 deskes  $\frac{1}{2}$  for Art, they will admitte to be brought in heerafter 688.<sup>3</sup> more in  $\text{f}^{\circ}$ . besides those that may be placed on the shelues vnder the tables: wherupon my opinion is, that half a deske of Art, may be giuen to Lawe: which, with the other half of Physicke, will make one whole Deske more for Lawe, and all in my iudgement will hardly serue the turne: wherof yow shall make a better coniecture, when yow shall haue receaued the bookes that I haue heere which I purpose, God willing, to send the next weeke, bidding yow till then most hartely farewell.

your euer assured

Tho. Bodley

15 Iune [1604].

<sup>2</sup> i. e. Letter 92. The correspondence of this week was (1) James wrote on Monday, June 11, Bodley replied on Wednesday, June 13, before receiving which James wrote again on June 13, Bodley replying on Friday, June 15. See Letter 6, note 4.

<sup>3</sup> The number was apparently arrived at from an estimate of the existing contents of Arts folio as equivalent to 38 shelves with an average of 16 volumes to a shelf.

The  $4\frac{1}{2}$  cases contained 81 shelves, which on this calculation would have held 1,296 volumes, and thus would have allowed of 688 volumes being added to the 608 already there. Two months later, as shown by the printed Catalogue, the folio volumes in Arts numbered 985, and, as it is extremely improbable that as many as 377 had been added in the meantime, the estimate appears to have been unduly low.

Sir,



## 94

**S**IR, Where yow writte in your former, that one of those windowe deskes might well conteine 300. bookes in 4°. and 8°. I can not perceave by that proportion, which M<sup>r</sup> Principal hath sette downe, that any one will conteine 100. But howsoever, I will packe away my bookes this weeke, and send some wainscottes withall, which I will after increase as the worke shall require, and as vpon the sight of a patterne at my comming, I shall finde to be needefull. And as for the time of comming thither, perhaps it will be my best, to appoint it presently after the Act, when Barnes may be ready, to goe in hand with his print, for which I pray yow intreat him, to make speedy preparation, that I may haue no occasion to make any stay, which my buisnesses will hardly suffer: as they will not for the present, to write to M<sup>r</sup> Ballowe, to whome for this gifte, and for other former kindnesses, I hold my self muche and very muche beholding: and so I shall request yow, to signifie vnto him, and to salute him from me very hartely. My printed Catalogue<sup>1</sup> is finished, and the booke in the binders hand: which will not be ready before the end of the next weeke: but shall before the Act be placed in the Librarie. Heerewith I commend yow to Gods good tuition.

your affectionat frind

Tho. Bodley.

London. 20. [June, 1604].

I pray yow signifie vnto me what good Scriuener yow haue in Oxon, with a line or two written by him of his Italian hand<sup>2</sup>./I heare nothing of M<sup>r</sup> Haidocke.

Yow forgotte to send me Bacon.

LETTER 94.—<sup>1</sup> The Donations-register. See Letter 55, note 3.

<sup>2</sup> Required for adding subsequent entries in the Donations-register.

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SIR, This afternoone I send away my bookes, which will be with yow, as I am promised, at the furthest, vpon Friday the next weeke: <sup>1</sup> for which I would intreat yow, to vse all the meanes yow can deuise, to gette the cheinesmith thither by that time. Albeit I suppose yow shall haue no neede of clippes, and wire, by reason of your old stoare, yet to be sure, and to serue your turne heerafter, I haue with my bookes sent yow 20. dousen of clippes with a quantitie of wire, wherof I pray yow reserue, what shall be remaining. I can not well sette downe, what time I shall be with yow: but I thinke it will falle out some seuenight after the Act, or thereabout: which I differ the longer, to the end I may come, when Barnes shall be ready, to beginne with the printing of the Catalogue. My Register booke is not yet bound, but it shall be there before the Act. I pray yow signifie all this to M<sup>r</sup> Principal and commend me to him and to your self very hartely. With my bookes I haue sent certaine wainscottes, and my bell.

your very assured  
Tho. Bodley.

London. Iune 22 [1604].

96

SIR, I sent in this last collection of bookes Sir Tho. Moores Workes of the gifte of Sir William Roper, <sup>1</sup> whose booke I had rather keepe, then that which yow had before, because he was of his

LETTER 95.—<sup>1</sup> June 29. The journey took, under favourable conditions, 5 or 6 days.

LETTER 96.—<sup>1</sup> The copy of the work here mentioned is no longer in the Library.

kindred

kindred. And therfor I pray yow deliuer your former booke to M<sup>r</sup> Gent, who hath giuen bookes of twice the value for it, to M<sup>r</sup> Hakewil, whose gifte that former was: and those which M<sup>r</sup> Gent gaue in exchange, are printed in the name of M<sup>r</sup> Hakewill, in lieu of that one volume, to M<sup>r</sup> Hakewils liking.

[June, 1604].<sup>2</sup>

Tho Bodley.

97

SIR, This hand of Dauis, being framed somewhat bigger, will serue the turne very well. But as I was informed, it is a great while sins, that Dauis lefte Oxon. If M<sup>r</sup> Barnes can not be ready so soone as I made account, I pray yow conferre with him very thorowly, and lette me knowe with some certaintie, what time he will beginne. For it would trouble me muche, to come thither in vaine. And if yow can not sette downe a direct time, yet signifie as neere the same, as yow can, to the end I may conforme my buisnesses vnto it. My bookes, I hope, are either with yow already, or will be to morowe, hauing hitherto had faire wether for the purpose: I pray yow deliuer the inclosed to my man George Comley, whome I sent with my bookes, and commend me very hartely to all my good frindes.

your euer assured

Tho. Bodley.

London Iune 27. [1604].

<sup>2</sup> The Letter is entirely without date, but appears to belong to the time when the Donations-register had been printed

and was still in Bodley's possession. The title of the work is entered at the end of the printed Catalogue of 1605.



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SIR, According to your desire, I haue sent yow 200. clippes: and on thursday next God willing, yow shall receaue the Register booke: for which I would pray yow to deale with Keies, that a very strong ledge, and of a good height, may be made and fastened to the deske, wheron the Register is to be placed, which will be as heauy, if not heauier, then one of D. Riues great volumes,<sup>1</sup> and in that respect will require a strong supporter, or ledge to leane vpon. If my man shall be departed, before yow shall haue deliuered that letter vnto him, which I inclosed in my last vnto yow, I pray yow returne it hither againe. Which is all at this present

your assured  
Tho. Bodley.

London Iune 29. [1604].

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SIR, I purpose, God willing, to take that time that yow sette downe, for my comming to Oxon, to witte about the middle, or the end, at the furthest, of the weeke after this. Against which time I pray yow be so ready, and conferre so throughly with M<sup>r</sup> Barnes, as I may not be forced, to stay ouer long. For if the Catalogue of your bookes, be perfityly taken, I shall quickly dispatche, whatsoeuer is els, to be done at my comming. What yow signifie vnto me of Sir William Layton, if Sir Tho. Smithe can preuaile, I hope it will be effected: and I thanke yow for the motion.

your affectionat frind  
Tho. Bodley.

London Iuly. 9. [1604].

I pray yow haue all your Hebrewe and other bookes in a readinesse, whose titles yow finde hard to sette downe: and then I trust between vs, we shall dispatche it at my comming, both reason-

LETTER 98.—<sup>1</sup> See Letter 18 and note 2.

able well and quickly. But if Ioseph haue no hebrewe letters,<sup>1</sup> it will be very requisit that they should be prouided.

The inclosed I commend to your present deliuery

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SIR, I doe not see, that we neede to take any notice of the K. prohibition of those two bookes:<sup>1</sup> which was neuer done heere, but in Scotland: for I thinke in the Queenes raigne, it was as lawfull to buy them, as any other bookes: so as we may plead ignorance of any suche interdiction, if it should com in question, alleaging that they were there put in, as they were in deede, in the Q. time. Sins I parted from yow, I haue thought vpon the number of your bookes in 8°. which, I doubt, is so great, as they will hardly be placed in the f°. tables: wherof I pray yow consider throughly, lest in the middle of your worke, yow should be forced to alter your order, and beginne your print afreshe: which would falle out greatly to my detriment and charge: but may be very well preuented, if yow print the Closet-bookes,<sup>2</sup> in an Alphabet apart. Howbeit for that it may be, that yow and your brother haue cast vpon all that may happen, I referre it altogether to your owne dispositions: holding it muche better, if it may be don conueniently, that the f°. and 8°. bookes be ioined together.<sup>3</sup> I pray yow commend me to your brother most hartely.

your euer assured

Tho. Bodley.

Iuly 27. [1604].

LETTER 99.—<sup>1</sup> Barnes was but ill supplied with Hebrew characters. The numerous corrections required in the Hebrew titles were finally printed in Roman characters at the end of the Catalogue.

LETTER 100.—<sup>1</sup> G. Buchanan's *Rerum Scoticarum historia* and *De iure regni*.

<sup>2</sup> i. e. the quartos and octavos then shelved in the Studies.

<sup>3</sup> The titles of books in quarto and

octavo were, as far as space permitted, added on vacant places on the pages (each of which contained the books in one shelf) containing the titles of the folio volumes, but supplementary pages had to be inserted to sections in which octavos and quartos were numerous. The method pursued was not strikingly successful.

Sir,

101

SIR, God speede your plough. I am glad your presse is afoote, and yow so forward before. I will expect your sheetes from time to time, according to your promise: though it will be too late, for me to aduertise of any escape, when it shall haue once passed the presse and printing. Neuertheles I will alwaies impart, what I thinke of your course. I meruaile muche that Perkins workes are missing: for I am too too assured, that they were sent: and as farre as I remember, bounde with an other: which I hope yow will finde, before yow haue taken the Catalogue of all. otherwise I will cause an other to be bought, and sent. I pray yow send me a note of 2. or 3. of the grossest escapes made by the correctour of your publike Index.<sup>1</sup> For my owne part I read ouer a great part my self, but if there be any suche, they escaped me cleane. Howbeit the truth is thei were neuer perused more then once, by either of vs bothe: and of a man as my self, not vsed to correct, many a fault might be swallowed in one hastie reading. I hope my man Christopher<sup>2</sup> hath repared his errour. Commend me to your brother very hartely.

your assured  
Tho. Bodley

London. Aug. 1. [1604].

Perkins was ioined, to my remembrance, with a Latin autour, which was placed first.

102

SIR, Primo aspectu, and in general, I doe verie well like the sheetes that yow haue sent: albeit I doubt they will proue, so obscure to strangers, as it will hinder their sale. Yow haue almost failed in euery one of your Hebr. bookes which were printed with Heb. letters. Page 14. in the first Heb. worde, and 2. letter, for Vau yow put Zain.

LETTER 101.—<sup>1</sup> The Donations-register.

<sup>2</sup> Isembart Christopher. See Macray, pp. 405, 410, 412, 417.



In the next line, 2. worde, and 4. letter, yow haue Zain for Vau. Pag. 20. I doubt the last worde of the three be amisse: once I vnderstand it not. Pag. 27. the 2. worde hath ט for ב, and the 3. worde hath Tau for He in the 3. letter, and in the last, Mem should be finale. Pag. 39. the 2 letter of the first worde should be Tau, and not Cheth. These faultes must needes be excused with a title of Errata in the end. Withall I would intreat yow by any meanes, to vse the helpe of some skilfull person in correcting the Heb. lest it should disgrace your whole booke. If Perkins be gone I must buy him againe. For I bought him and bound him, as is to be seene vpon Io. Billes shoppe booke: that I can not imagin, howe it should be nowe missing. The B. of Winton,<sup>1</sup> did promise me one of his bookes in printing, for which I thought it good, to put it in with the rest of his gifte, although it were not yet deliuered. My Correctour of the Register print, hath failed in some places, but for those faultes, which yow sette downe, they were made by the Compositours negligence who did not amend his presse after it was corrected. I pray yow continue the weekly sending of your print, and commend me to your brother.

your affectionat euer

Tho. Bodley.

Aug. 8. [1604]. London.

To your Heb. bookes, yow doe not tell whether they be in f°. or 4°. &c.

# 103

SIR, I writte the inclosed the last weeke at Fulham, from whens, by my seruants negligence, it came so late to London, as the cariar was gone, before his comming. In your Heb. titles the like faultes, and somewhat worse, haue bin committed, then in your former: which can not be corrected with a pen, vnles yow will

LETTER 102.—<sup>1</sup> His *Survey of Christs* in the Donations-register before it had sufferings, published in 1604 and entered been received.

correct euery worde, and two or 3. letters together in some wordes: which will be subiect to great reprehension. And I wonder howe it falleth out, that when yow see the Heb. wordes, yow should not compare letter with letter, being so fewe as they are, and by that meanes erre very litle or nothing. Yow must needes tell Mr Barnes, that vnles he will make good prouision of fitte letters, both in Heb. and Lat. he shall haue no reason to tie me to my bargaine. I doe misse in your Catal. the 9. to. of Baronius, which vndoubtedly was bought and sent. Yow may put on your Catal. Perkins Workes, which I haue put to binding. Some of your bookes are, me thinkes, displaced: as Bertrams Heb. grammer, which should not be in Diuinitie, nor Althusij Politica. 8°. I pray yow send me worde, whether yow haue nothing of Alb. Magnus vpon the Euang. but onely in Lucam. And nowe I referre yow for other things to the inclosed with my hartiest salutations to your brother.

your euer assured  
Tho. Bodley.

London. 15. Aug. [1604].

104

SIR, As in all your former sheetes, so in these, your Heb. wordes are very fautie, and can not be amended with the pen, for that there is an errour almost in euery worde, and in some two or three. So many Resches and Vaus, as yow mention, are not needefull, sith the Heb. titles are but fewe in any one sheete, and more then one at a time can not be printed. It doth somewhat moue me, to see a worke of this expectation, and charge vnto me, to be so muche disgraced through the Printers carelesnesse considering what warning I gaue him for prouision. That letters may be had, yow may see by that which is printed in the publike Register, of the B. of Winchesters gifte. I am right sorie to heare that your brother is gone: whereby your paine is greatly multiplied: ' but yet the ease that commeth of

LETTER 104. —<sup>1</sup> See Letter 3, note 8.

it,

it, doth redound to your self for a long time after. I doe not meane the King, as yow supposed, but the Prince:<sup>2</sup> for that to the K. there ar[e] daily bookes dedicated, and for ought I can heare, fewe rewardes bestowed: wherof I doe thinke yow may haue more hope at the Princes handes,<sup>3</sup> by the meanes of good frindes. But heerof heerafter we may better bethinke vs. It may be so that I shall bestowe this next weeke in a voiage to Cambridge: but whether I doe or not, I shall request yow to continue your weekly sending of your print, directing your letters and it, to Io. Bille, where I will aske for them at my returne. In the meane season I wishe your prosperitie as mine owne

your euer assured  
Tho. Bodley

London. Aug. 24. [1604].

## 105

**S**IR, Your Expositores S. Script.<sup>1</sup> sith the like is not done, in one sort or other, in the rest of the Faculties, will seeme, I am afraid, a maimed peece of worke: for which and other considerations, I could be well contented, that it had bin omitted. I am newly come from Cambridge, where I staid half a day, & was vsed very kindly, by their Vicechancellour and some others. Their Libraries are very meanelly stoared, and Trinitie college worst of all. You write me nothing of our newe interpreters<sup>2</sup> proceedinges, who are at it harde in Cambridge: and of a designe, that some man hath, to enlarge your Librarie, wherewith no man as yet hath made me acquainted, hauing onely heard a bruite, that there is suche a purpose in hand. And howe this printed catalogue will stand with that enlargement, I can

<sup>2</sup> Henry, Prince of Wales, to whom, in preference to the King, the Catalogue was dedicated.

<sup>3</sup> The Librarian in person presented a copy of the Catalogue to the Prince, but the hope here mentioned was not realised.

LETTER 105.—<sup>1</sup> Lists of Bible Commentaries. The suggested indexes to Law and Medicine were added in the Appendix.

<sup>2</sup> Committees for the preparation of the Authorised Version of the Bible.



not coniecture: that if suche a thing be meant, it will happely be requisit, that we surcease from proceeding in the print, to saue the charge that I shall susteine, when the catalogue shall be frustrat. I would heerof intreat yow, to signifie your minde. I haue bounde Perkins workes, and will send them vnto yow, with the next occasion of sending somewhat els. A Dieu.

your lo. frind  
Th. Bodley.

London. Sept. 4. [1604].

This weeke I had no letter from yow.

106

SIR, Your Letter by this cariar, hath many pointes in it, of special moment, in which I can not giue order, by my Letters, and therefor purpose, God willing, to see yow in Oxon, within this seuenight, if not before Sonday next: <sup>1</sup> till when I commend yow, to Gods good direction, in all your endeouours.

your affectionat frind  
Tho. Bodley.

Fulham. Sept. 12 [1604].

107

SIR, Contextus Talmudicus or the Epitome of the Talmud; is Misna, so intituled משנה, being in 2. vol. f<sup>o</sup>. in the Librarie. The reformation of your Heb. titles will require, that I should see the bookes themselues. For albeit I could correct at first sight, a great part, where but a letter or two are amisse in a worde: yet there are in diuers titles so many letters changed, as I can not coniecture what the wordes should be. But heerof heerafter, when the Catalogue is printed. I haue not yet spoken to M<sup>r</sup> Barker <sup>1</sup> for the Heb. letters, because I sturred not from Fulham, sins my comming

LETTER 106.—<sup>1</sup> Sept. 16. The following Letter shows that the visit was paid.

LETTER 107.—<sup>1</sup> R. Barker, the King's

printer, who had printed the Donations-register. See Letter 104.

from Oxon. But I will be with him some time this weeke. Your last weekes printed sheetes were deliuered, but this weeke yelded none. I thanke yow for your newes of my L. of Southamptons<sup>2</sup> good intention, wherupon I will finde meanes, to drawe it to effect, if so be there be no change: and heerewith I commend yow to Gods special tuition.

your true affected frind

Tho. Bodley

Sept. 25. [1604]. Fulham.

## 108

SIR, I am glad that your Catalogue is finished: <sup>1</sup> of which I knowe that your self will be carefull to correct all the faultes of the print, sauing those escaped in the Hebrewe: which I will willingly reforme, at my comming next to Oxon. But I knowe not as yet what time to appoint in that regard: for that an vnexpected trouble is newly com vpon me, by the suddaine decease of my L. chief Baron,<sup>2</sup> for whom I am to discharge diuers buisnesses of moment committed to my trust. The title page that yow sent, is contriued so as I desired: and nowe that yow are eased of printing the Catalogue, I assure my self yow will perfourme the Preface as well. I knowe that still heerafter, as bookes shall com in, yow shall haue cause to adde newe to the Tables of your deskes. Neuertheles when Io. Bille is returned,<sup>3</sup> and some others sent vnto yow, which I haue, and shall gather, before your Commencement,<sup>4</sup> yow will hardly finde in any yere aboue 200. newe bookes: which can not be, by no meanes, to be added to your Tables, aboue one daies labour.

At any time that yow please to take physicke, or exercise your body, so that any appointed, that is a M<sup>r</sup> of Art, and will supplie

<sup>2</sup> Henry Wriothesley, Earl of Southampton.

LETTER 108.—<sup>1</sup> i. e. the printing of the first part of the Catalogue.

<sup>2</sup> Sir W. Periam, Chief Baron of the

Exchequer. He was succeeded on Oct. 27, 1604, by Sir Thomas Fleming.

<sup>3</sup> He was then in Spain. See Letter 114.

<sup>4</sup> i. e. The 'Act'.

your

your place, be present in the librarie, though he should not be so expert, as were to be required, I knowe the Vicechancellour will allowe him, or if yow make any doubt in that respect, I will request it by letter. But for any ioint deputation, to be made of an other keeper, to be coupled with yow, or vnder your direction, besides that I hope it will not heerafter be so requisit, it is a point in my opinion, of special consideration.<sup>5</sup> For bethinke your self first, whether any graduat of learning and sufficiencie, will be contented to be subiect to your daily directions:<sup>6</sup> and then if any suche should be iointly placed and equalled with yow, whether your self could digest it: or whether yow bothe could be pleased, eche to make good the others othe, of all that is required of the Keeper of the Librarie. Withall yow are to thinke, that no man will accept of any suche place, vnles his yerely allowance be equal with yours. There are other thinges besides of weightie respect, to be thought vpon by yow, which yow will easely finde, if yow cast about yow well: and, as I am persuaded, will driue yow from your longing for an other felowe in your function. Who perhaps by his comming in the late of the euening, will enioy as good a portion, for stipend and credit, as yow that haue labored all the heat of the day. All this notwithstanding it is fitte, and I doe fully resolue, that heerafter in good time, there shall be somewhat deuised, to ease yow in good sort of your painfull attendance. But nowe that your Catalogue is printed, I would request yow to consult,

<sup>5</sup> The appointment of an assistant had been previously suggested. See Letter 58. The difficulties raised here and in the following Letter were to some extent overcome, an Under-Keeper being appointed early in 1606 at a salary of £6 13s. 4d. per annum (Letter 149). The Under-Keeper was not, however, competent to act as the Librarian's deputy, a special deputy being appointed on each occasion of the Keeper's absence from the Library. The first Under-Keeper was Philip Price of Ch. Ch., who was

admitted to B. N. C. in 1608, of which he became Fellow on Dec. 7, 1610. He resigned his post in the Library at Lady Day, 1613, and became Vicar of Ross and Prebendary of Hereford in 1615. He died in 1660.

<sup>6</sup> In Bodley's Draught of Statutes, the Under-Keeper is to be 'euermore at hand, to aide and assist him [the Keeper], and to attend his direction in all occasions in the Librarie' (*Trecent. Bodl.*, p. 42).



and to take the aduise of your learned frindes, whether it will not be behoofull, lest your labour in that worke should seeme defectiue and maimed, that yow adde to your 2. Indices, the Expositours vpon the Canon and Ciuil lawes, and doe the like for those, that haue commented vpon Hip. Galen, Dioscorides. I am to signifie thus muche further, that I suppose I shall bring, before the next Act, at the lest 600. newe titles of bookes, aboue those that shall com from the next Mart, and from Io. Bille. Then whether it were not meete, to make a printed Appendix of them, and to publishe all of them together, and at one time, with this Catalogue, I pray yow consider, and lette me knowe your opinion, for that I am half persuaded, it will be our best, to make one labour and cost of bothe, and to waine men from their wishinges, to be fingering of this Catalogue, till all may goe together. I haue receaued the sheetes that yow sent this weeke: but of my comming to Oxon, I can write yow no certaintie as yet.

your affectionat euer

Tho. Bodley

Fulham. Oct. 10. [1604].

# 109

**S**IR, This day fortnight, I writte a letter vnto yow of some good length, wherein I touched diuers pointes, that required your answer. Howbeit I haue not heard from yow, neither this weeke, nor the last, whereby I stand doubtfull, that either my letter was not deliuered, or that yow might be absent, vpon some occasion. Howsoeuer, I would be glad to knowe your minde, and to heare somewhat from yow, with your first opportunitie, hoping that your health is suche as it hath bin, and I desire may continue.

your faithfull frind

Tho. Bodley.

London. Oct. 24. [1604].

Sir,

110

SIR, As touching that point of a second keeper, I could discourse in infinitum, and still to that purpose, as I haue formerly written, replieng to your answers. And yet yow make no answear to that question of mine, Whether eche of the keepers shall præstare fidem for his felowe, if any booke be missing. For neither in that case, will acknowledge any fault, to be in himself. Your allegation of paines, in the Librarie buisnesse, is very apparant: and yet, as I perceauē, it is thought to be the lesse, for that they see it proceedeth of your voluntarie seeking, to increase your trauel and paines, by ioining yourself vnto the Translatours:<sup>1</sup> which yow neede not to doe, vnles yow sought it, and thereby doe incurre the censure of others. It can not be answered, that which I haue alleaged, that after this yere, it will be hard to bring into the Librarie, aboue two or three hundred bookes a yere: which will not trouble a Keeper greatly: so as one may serue the turne. Moreouer, yow signifie nothing to me, what yow purpose to doe, for an Index of writers in lawe and physicke. For if those be omitted, I could wishe that the others had bin likewise spared: because I doubt it will be iudged a difformitie in our doing. If so be yow can not frame an Epistle<sup>2</sup> to your minde, I should not hold it much material, to omitte it altogether, and to publishe the Catalogue with a title page onely, annexing vnto it, a brief explication of suche abbreviations, as are vsed in your Catalogue. Of my comming to Oxon I can signifie no certaintie: but I would willingly see (whosoever it should be, that shall correct the Heb. titles) howe he will doe it first in writing, before their printing be attempted, lest litle be amended, and my charge much augmented.

LETTER 110.—<sup>1</sup> Two of the Committees for the preparation of the Authorised Version met at Christ Church, Oxford, one being engaged in translating the Prophetical Books, the other the

Gospels, Acts, and Apocalypse. Bodley's intervention led to the withdrawal of the invitation to James to become a member of the latter Committee.

<sup>2</sup> To be prefixed to the Catalogue.

And as concerning the publishing (which so many men desire) of the Catal. printed, I haue very great reason to differre it. For vpon a full viewe made by Io. Norton, he hath gathered already of bookes there vnmentioned aboue 1800. which he hath sent vnto my house, though I haue not the leasure, to peruse them as yet. And what the number will be further, with the bookes out of Spaine, from the Mart, and of my owne collection, before the next Act, yow may somewhat coniecture. But though all those may com after, by way of Appendix,<sup>3</sup> yet the very first impression, that men shall haue had vpon the sight of your Catalogue, will be it that shall giue credit or discredit to the Librarie: because the Appendix perhaps will either not be bought, or not perused after. The general conceat aswell of other nations, as of our owne at home, of the Librarie stoare, is so great, that they imagine in a maner, there is nothing wanting in it:<sup>4</sup> wherein when thei find their expectation greatly frustrat, I doubt the credit of the place will be hardly recouered, with many after Appendixes. And heerof I pray yow consider very thorowly. I am further to tell yow from M<sup>r</sup> Norton, that there are many bookes forgotten to be put in the Catalogue, which are in the Librarie, of which I willed him to send me som for example, which I haue heere inclosed, and knowe most assuredly they are in the Librarie./. If your brother be in Oxon commend me hartely to him, and to your self very often.

your ass. frind  
Tho Bodley.

Oct. 26. [1604]. London.

<sup>3</sup> The Appendix occupies pp. 427-655 of the Catalogue published in 1605.

<sup>4</sup> Exaggerated views as to the completeness of the Library were entertained.

In 1602 James appears to have thought that 'all [books] of any worthe are almost bought already' (Letter 24).



III

SIR, Vpon whome your minde should runne so muche, I cannot coniecture, but I protest vnto yow very faithfully, that no man liuing but your self, did euer signifie vnto me, that yow had a desire to be ioined with the translatours,<sup>1</sup> nor neuer any did deale with me in that mater, either to your preiudice, or otherwise. For when yow gaue me the first intelligence of it, yow lette me vnderstand, in what sort yow were called, and withall yow declared your earnest desire (whereto yow intreated my conformitie) to be busied in that seruice: which yow did with that zeale, as I tooke my iorney purposely to Oxon vpon it, to talke with the parties, by whome yow were chosen, to dimisse yow from it: wherof yow seemed after, vpon our conference together, to like very well: and D. Rainoldes vpon my speeches, thought it also reason not to presse yow any further. Moreouer I haue signified sins vnto yow, that vnles of your self yow were willing, no man would enforce, yow, offering, if neede were, to talke with the B. of London in that behalf. Againe your owne allegation of your weerinesse and weaknesse through the paines yow had taken in setting fourth the Catalogue, is an honest and sufficient excuse, to exempt yow from that charge. For otherwise, to complaine of paines, and yet to desire, to increase your paines, might not well accord together. Still I retaine my former opinion, that a felowe keeper, that is continually in the Libr. shall finde fitter opportunities to abuse the place, then those that are often changed, and are taken but for a day, or a small time, and on the suddaine, and by startes. Where yow write that Victorius in Phalereum, is noted with &c. because it is coupled with his Ethikes, if the like course hath bin taken with all others, it will very muche preiudice the stoare and credit of the

LETTER 111.—<sup>1</sup> See the preceding Letter. The preparation of the Authorised Version of the Bible was due to the sug-

gestion of Dr. John Rainolds, President of Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

Librarie, that a multitude of bookes, should be thereby concealed.<sup>3</sup> Vrsinus de Familijs must be there of necessitie, being sette downe vpon one of my Catalogues, with your owne hand, which I haue heere to shewe. For the other bookes, I haue presently no leasure, to viewe the Catalogue, but in my next I will certifie what I finde.

your euer assured

Tho. Bodley.

London. 31. Oct. [1604].

## 112

SIR, When I writte vnto yow, that yow ioined your self willingly with the Translatours, I did not affirme, nor thinke that yow did it, before yow were chosen: but after yow were chosen, when yow might haue bin freed, as yow were sufficiently, vpon my speeche with D. Rainoldes, that yet still yow desired, to be of the Consort, and intreated me by letter, to approue your desire. Heerof to put yow in remembraunce I haue sent yow your owne letter to looke on: wherein yow also complained of want of Exercise, and leasure to take physicke, being ouertrauelled with the Librarie buisnesse: and yet in the self same letter yow desired to take 2. daies trauel of greater paines then the former, and that euery weeke: in which yow were excluded from vsing any exercise or physicke. These thinges I writte of, for that I sawe they did not hang together, being nowe right glad, that yow are better satisfied, for any other mans complaint, wherof I protest no man liuing was guiltie. I wonder howe Viues, Sigonius, Stadius, Strenius should escape yow: M<sup>r</sup> Norton affirming, that there are very many more in that case. And as for Phalereus, and suche as are put in with an &c. onely, they must needes vpon a newe reuiewe be named in the Appendix, it being more conuenient, that rather our

<sup>3</sup> Many titles of works 'coupled' with others were, in the first instance, omitted from the Catalogue. For the most part

the omissions were supplied in the Appendix.

Catalogue should carie the names of more, then fewer autours then we haue. Nortons bookes are com from the Mart of which there are at the lest 8. great drie fattes full, out of which yow shall knowe er be long, what I shall haue chosen. In the meane while I betake yow to Gods good tuition

your affectionat frind  
Th. Bodley

London. Nou. 7 [1604].

113

SIR, I would yow had signified, where I might finde Sigonius, Strenius &c. for I finde them not in their Faculties and their letters. Not hauing yet seen M<sup>r</sup> Rodwey, I am not assured what yow meane by your figuring<sup>1</sup> of bookes: but I would alwaies intreat yow, as I haue done heeretofore, that no Innouation might be made without my priuie: which shall euermore turne yow to more ease then trouble. Of those bookes of M<sup>r</sup> Smith I would faine knowe the titles, that I may putte them downe heere, when I send my certificat to the Vniuersitie, of this yeres contributours. Withall I would learne the proper and surnames of the giuers: and the titles of M<sup>r</sup> Ballowes MS. If so be yow could be spared from the Librarie, for a seuenight, or 10. daies at the farthest,<sup>2</sup> leauing some man in your rowme of special honestie and trust, I would request yow to com to London, and would beare your charges comming and going, with a lodging and your diet in my house. My desire is, for the speedier publishing of the printed Catalogue, yow should take the titles of all my newe bookes, of which yow shall finde about 2000. already gathered in my Gallerie: and then we shall deuise a course together, in what sort they shallbe added to the former catalogue, and written on your Deske-tables: for which otherwise without mutual conference,

LETTER 113.—<sup>1</sup> Bodley had previously (see Letters 20, 21) objected to 'figuring of the bookes with great letters'.

<sup>2</sup> The visit was paid (see Letters 115,

118) but the attempt to hasten the publication of the Catalogue was unsuccessful (see Letter 122).



we shall hardly be able to take a good order. If it com yow to passe to doe it conueniently, the sooner yow com the better welcom. In the meane while, Sal. pl. Edouardo Fratri. Sins I began my letter, Mr Allen came to me, who commendeth very muche your figuring<sup>1</sup> of the bookes, wherof I am right glad, commending yow for it to Gods blessed tuition.

London Nou. 14 [1604].

your owne most affectionat  
Tho. Bodley

## 114

SIR, I had no sooner sent my former letter to the cariar, but Io. Bille was returned, who hath bin onely at Seuil but hath brought good stoare of bookes from thens. His purpose was at first to haue visited all other like places, and Vniuersities, where any bookes were to be gotten: but the peoples vsage towards all of our nation is so cruel and malicious, as he was vtterly discouraged for this time. Howbeit it may be heerafter, if thei vse the mater better, he will make an other voiage. His bookes, I suppose, will be heere within these two daies: wherof I thought fitte to giue yow present notice, recommending yow againe to Gods special protection.

London. No. 14 [1604].

your assured  
Tho. Bodley.

## 115

SIR, Not onely the bookes, which yow haue specified, but there are many besides in the Librarie, which yow haue heere sette aside,<sup>1</sup> and a number withall, not worth the taking: of which I will

<sup>1</sup> See note 1 on p. 117.

LETTER 115.—<sup>1</sup> The visit to London for the purpose of cataloguing the newly received books (see Letter 113) had evidently been paid since the date of

the preceding Letter. James's selection of books to be sent to the Library appears to have contained both worthless books and books of which copies were already there.

send yow a note heerafter. In the meane season, I pray yow lette me knowe whether yow haue not, in Valesius workes his comment vpon Hippocrates de morbis popularibus, and vpon the Aphorismes. In Budæus workes, his Annotations in Pandectas, and his Forensia. Honcala in Genesim. Arculani Medici opera. And still methinkes yow should haue Articella. I am to goe fourth a towne for 5. or six daies, but so as I will returne, on thursday next, to receaue your letters: in which I would request yow further to signifie, whether in the note that I shall send yow of the bookes, which are coupled heere in binding, it will be requisit for me to sette downe the same number twice, if it be by yow twice written, vpon two seuerall parcels of one booke. As for example if yow sette downe vpon Budæus in Pandectas 200. and of the same autour, vpon an other part, as Forensia 200. (because thei are bookes that may be very well ioined together) whether it will be requisit, to aduertise yow of bothe those numbers. Sometimes, as in Thuanus workes in 8°. which can not be combined in one volume, yow doe onely sette your number vpon the beginning, or title page, and the second part hath no number at all. Often times yow doe write the self same numbers,\* vpon 3. or 4. seuerall workes of one autour, if they be of one print, wheras they can not be bounde but in 3. or 4. volumes. for whiche I would request yow to signifie, what course I shall take, in my certificat to yow, that our correspondence may be perfect, and without all ambiguitie. This is all for this time.

your trewe affected frind

London Dec. 15. [1604].

Tho. Bodley.

\* In drawing up his list of books James had not sufficiently recognised the necessity of knowing exactly how the volumes were to be bound before pressmarks could be assigned. The latter was a necessary preliminary to

the printing of the titles in the Catalogue, and as it was intended that this should take place while the books were being bound it had necessarily to be done at a time when the books were not in his hands.

Sir,

## 116

SIR, If yow finde Arculanus there, it being a bigge booke, and not printed in your Catalogue, I feare yow haue omitted a very great many, which are there and yet not printed. I doe find Honcala ioined with an other heere, but that other is not worth a third part of the price, that is sette downe for them bothe: that vnles it may be seuered from Honcala, it will not be worth the buieng. Sir, I would most willingly not buy those bookes againe, which are in Tract. Doct. Biblioth. Patrum, and the like. But then I must haue a Catalogue of them all with speede, for that I can not otherwise put any to binding, till I shall resolue which to take. Nowe howe long it will be, before yow shall be able to send me that Catalogue your self knowe best. And where yow thinke it expedient, to print the seuerall Treatises of those great Tomes, I am very willing to it: for that otherwise, I doubt, most men wanting direction where to seeke those Treatises, will imagine that they are not in the Librarie. But I pray yow signifie your coniecture, of the number of sheetes, that yow thinke must in that regard be printed more. I doe determine the next weeke, to send yow a prooffe of the order that I take, in the coupling of bookes in one volume, to the end yow may see, whether yow and I shall concurre in vnderstanding one another, about the numbers and otherwise. My L. of Cranborne<sup>1</sup> hath conferred 50<sup>li</sup>. vpon the Librarie, wherof I haue written vnto the Vicechancellour, and deliuered my letter to Mr. Powel: but I would intreat yow to solicit the Vicech. that the Vniuersities Letter of thanks, may be sent assoone, as it can be with conueniencie. The meane while I bidde yow hartely a dieu.

your very assured frind  
Tho. Bodley

Fulham. 21. Dec. [1604].

LETTER 116.—<sup>1</sup> Afterwards Earl of Salisbry. In the Donations-register his donation is entered as being of 100 marks (£66 13s. 4d.).

Sir,



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SIR, I am alwaies to intreat yow, that in all your answers to any of my letters, and namely to the last two, that I writte, yow would answer point by point: for that otherwise I shall be forced, to iterat the same thing often, and to stay a great while vnresolved. I pray yow consider astouching the particular Treatises of Tract. Doctorum and other like, whether a note to be made before your printed catalogue, wherin the reader may be warned, that he must serche for suche particular Treatises, in the great volumes, will not serue the turne, without the printing of them apart. For I finde it will increase charges,<sup>1</sup> and proue cumbersome exceedingly, to runne to the great volumes, for euery litle tract: that happely it were better to buy them twice, then endure that trouble, besides that I thinke the greatest part of the lesser treatises are already bought againe. Heerof and of my doubtcs proposed in my former, I request your opinion, beseeching God the meane while, to restoar yow to your welfare, and to graunt yow good successe in all your endeouours.

your assured euer

Tho. Bodley.

London. 28. Dec. [1604].

I pray yow aduertise me when the letter shall be sent to my L. Cranborne, and if yow can, a copie therof I would willingly see, and knowe to whome the deliuerie shall be recommended.

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SOMETIMES in this note, I doe not signifie the Volume, whether it be in f°. 4°. or 8°. for that I thinke it doth not greatly steede yow.

When there be diuers parcels of one booke yow doe sometimes

LETTER 117.—<sup>1</sup> Titles of separate little short of 100 of the pages of the works in collectaneous volumes occupy Appendix.

put the same number to euery parcel, and at other times, yow giue a number to the first page onely. which I doe also indifferently obserue.  
<sup>1</sup> And somtimes yow giue seuerall numbers to seuerall partes of the same autour, although thei may be bounde together.<sup>1</sup>

When I sette downe a booke refused or reiected, it is either by reason of the vnreasonable price, or because it is double, or perhaps litle worth.

I would pray yow to tell me, wherein I must expresse my self more, or saue my paines in somewhat.

Yow promised to send me a note what bookes yow haue there, of which yow doubted heere: for I thinke there are many, which yow haue already.

Signifie whether yow haue among Caietans workes vpon Iosua, Iudices et historiales libros, and on Salomons Prouerb.

I doe not finde vpon your printed Catalogue Herueus Brito vpon the sentences, which I thinke yow haue there with his Quodlibets.

I haue very great neede of your Alphabetical Catalogue made according to the precise Alphabet, which I would pray yow, that your man may copie out assoone as he can conueniently. For that which your self tooke heere I shall not neede, being forced to goe ouer them all againe: wherein I am very muche cumbred, for that yow did not place the bookes, as yow founde them, in contrarie position.<sup>2</sup>

I pray yow signifie to me what autor is ioined with Bredons Arithmeticke MS. because he wanteth in your printed Catal.  
 [Jan. 1605].

LETTER 118.—<sup>1</sup> This sentence is written in the margin.

<sup>2</sup> Evidently during his stay in London.

## 119

SIR, I came hither of purpose from Fulham, to meete with your letter, which I receaved, I thanke yow, this euening late: but haue not receaved that full satisfaction, that both my former letters, and the good of the Librarie did require: which forceth me often to double my letters, as I would not doe willingly: besides that I can not, hauing once written to yow, of sundrie pointes of importance, calle them all to minde againe, to remembre yow of them: so as many thinges are slipped, that are greatly materiall, for want of perfitte correspondence. Suche bookes as I refuse, I pray yow crosse out, because they shall be returned. Of my bookes bounde in 4<sup>to</sup>. there are two sortes: to witte a lesser sort, which I binde in velam, and a greater in lether, which are to be cheined.<sup>1</sup> of these in lether yow shall heerafter haue a note, holding it requisit for yow. Wheras yow signifie that Herueus Brito his Quodlibets are not there in the Libr. yow shall finde the same, pag. 75. of your printed Catal. with which it may be likewise that yow shall finde him on the Sentences. And where yow note him in the Catal. with ¶<sup>2</sup> I am very muche deceaued, but I bought him in f<sup>o</sup>. Besides Lullius, which yow write

LETTER 119. — <sup>1</sup> The latter were shelved with the folios. See *B. Q. R.*, vol. i, pp. 286, 289.

<sup>2</sup> In the earlier part of the Catalogue of 1605 each page contains the titles of the folio books on one shelf with the addition, as far as space permitted, of others, which properly belonged to the same section, but were shelved elsewhere, either because they were 'coupled' with other works, or were of size other than folio. The former of these two classes had ¶ prefixed to the title, the actual position of the work on the shelves being

shown by the addition of the pressmark of the first work in the volume (by which the position on the shelves was in these cases determined) at the end of the title. The work here referred to was bound at the end of Gerardus Senensis and was consequently placed on an S shelf (S. 9. 6 Th.) and the entry (made under the proper letter) of Hervaeus Brito was rightly marked ¶. Bodley evidently confused this mark with the asterisk which was similarly employed to indicate books in quarto or octavo—these also being of course shelved elsewhere.



to be ioined with Bredons Arithmet. there is an other, I am certaine, & to my best remembrance a manusc. placed before Bredon, and written with the same hand, as yow shall finde at the first sight.<sup>3</sup> Before your departure from London, yow signified vnto me, that yow had taken a note of all suche bookes heere, as yow doubted might be in the Libr. which yow also promised to send hither, as it would haue bin needefull: but yow touche it not in any letter: which will cause me to buy many bookes twice, your printed Catalogue being very defectiue, in many respectes, and chiefly in the omission of autours that are there. Yow must thinke me desirous, of shunning the charge of buieng those bookes againe, which are in Tract. Doct. Biblioth. Patrum, Principes Medicorum, and other like. but I doubt the greatest part are already bought, and that suche as are wanting, amount to no great reckning. Nowe if the catalogue of euery seuerall autour in those volumes, should be printed with yours, it would falle out that the same writers would be twice named: whereby it might be imagined, that we sought to make a great bulke of a Catalogue by iterating the same autours: with which kinde of censure I would willingly meete, that our doinges might be subiect to as litle exception, as can be forethought on. I would willingly knowe, whether yow haue any of these, and which

The best Th. à Kempis or Campis 8. Ant. 1601.

Diodorus Siculus Biblioth. Hist. f<sup>o</sup>. Lat.

Lippomanus his Vitæ Sanctorum.

Benedictus Aretius vpon Pindarus

Veræ Alchimix citra ænigmata doctrina &c.

Mercurialis Consilia, and in howe many Tomes.

Aristidis Orationes Græ.

Eustratus in Ethic. Lat.

<sup>3</sup> See the preceding Letter. It is now MS. Bodley 465 and consists of two MSS., the first comprising Arithmetica Johannis de Muris and Bredon's Arith-

metica, the second various works of Lullius (see *Summary Catalogue*, vol. ii, pp. 376, 377).

Albertus Magnus in Ethic. / De Anima. / De cœlo.

Io. Corasius in aliquot Tit 2<sup>i</sup>. ac 3<sup>i</sup>. Tom. Pandectarum.

Pet. Victorius in de Arte Poetica.

Io. Ant. Delphinus de Matrimonio & Cœlibatu, which me thinkes should be there ioined with some other

Albertus Magnus in Minores Prophet.

And whether Fulgentius and Aponius be in Biblioth. Patrum.

Likewise Zacharias Chrysopolitanus & Zmaragdus Abbas.

Of Boterus yow say there is that which is specified in the Catal. printed, to witte, della ragon di stato. But your self doubted at your being heere, whether it were all one with his Tesoro Politico, of which a peece of his title is della ragon di stato. I pray yow remember to leaue a rowme for the 10. Tome of Baronius, which I haue bought: and lette me knowe, what autour is ioined with your Honcala in Genes.

If I should not receaue your resolution to these particulars with speede, I shall be forced to forebeare from binding, and ioining together of sundrie autours,<sup>4</sup> and so from proceeding in many thinges, which would be great losse of time, and muche preiudicial to the Librarie. For I did alwaies conceaue, that all buisnesse sette apart, yow would haue intended the finishing of the Catalogue, before yow had vndertaken any other newe exercise, which can not but distract yow, from the perfiting of that, which both will require our vttermost diligence and intention, and should be accomplished thorowly, before the kinges comming to yow: which I thinke will falle out a litle after Ester,<sup>5</sup> and is the onely cause, that I doe putte myself heere, to extraordinarie paines. Heerof I would pray yow to consider what course is to be folowed, for our soonest dispatche of that we haue begon, and is so earnestly expected. I haue heerinclosed a note,

<sup>4</sup> The books had been catalogued in London, and were being pressmarked while still unbound and in Bodley's hands. As the position of a 'coupled' volume

on the shelves depended on which work was placed first in it, pressmarking could only be done if this order were known.

<sup>5</sup> The visit was paid on Aug. 30, 1605.

to the like effect, as I sent yow a former, and therewith commend yow to Gods special protection.

your faithfull frind

London. Ian. 10. [1605].

Tho. Bodley.

Suche a seruant so qualified as yow haue expressed, will, in my opinion, be fitter for your purpose, and doe yow more good seruice, then any that is bookishe.

## 120

SIR, Of my velam bookes in lether,<sup>1</sup> yow shall either this weeke or the next, receaue a perfitte catalogue, for that thei are all in a maner bound already. I leaue it to your self, to doe as yow thinke best, for printing the autours in Bibliotheca patrum, and the rest of that nature. for which I shall request yow, to proceede with some aduise of your brother and others. For the mater of charge, shall not stay me from taking the best resolution. I would yow had signified, which figures of mine are like to others:<sup>2</sup> for that to my seeming, they are greatly different.

Your note of suche bookes, as yow doubted ot, I haue not yet receaued, which hath caused me, I feare, to buy and binde some againe, that were in the Librarie formerly. I will not say, but that I may mistake in geuing wrong numbers to some autours. But I haue bin very carefull, not to erre in that respect, that if yow were heere to conferre mine with yours, yow might happely finde, that yours there, and these heere, are not sette downe alike. I can not nowe

LETTER 120.—<sup>1</sup> The larger quarto volumes were bound in leather so that they might be chained with the folios and thus be directly accessible to readers. The practice was considerably extended in 1613. See Twyne MS. 2, f. 110<sup>b</sup>. In the preface to the Bodleian Catalogue published in 1674, Dr. Hyde distin-

guishes between 'libri maiores' and those 'tantum inter maiores locati'.

<sup>2</sup> In the margin of the Letter is a note '2.1.9.4', which appears to indicate that in the Librarian's opinion 2 and 1, and 9 and 4 were scarcely distinguishable in Bodley's lists.

conferre



conferre your numbers, nowe sent, with the bookes themselues, for that according to their couplementes sent vnto yow, they are all already bounde, and the figures cleane cut of, being signed, as yow knowe, in the edge of the title page. Howbeit I hope yow will take order, that it shall be no stoppe to the printing of your Catalogue. For if that can not be, yow must needes make a stay till my bookes be sent vnto yow. I pray yow looke whether Aristides be not one of the greeke Oratours, which I thinke yow haue all in one Volume. Veræ Alchymix citra Ænigmata &c. your self noted in my great chamber with these figures 2079. Therin are diuers autours ioined of Alchymie, printed at Bas. 1561. f°. Yow note Fr. Rota de Tormentarijs vulnerib. with 760. the same booke being with an other autour, for which it was reiect. I cannot signifie with what autour, because the most of those couplementes which I haue sent vnto yow, are already bound, and 200. more at the lest are not [*sic*] at binding: which is also the cause, that I can not iustifie my figures to agree with yours, sith my bookes are cutte. 1698 is noted de la Camera, of which the whole title is, Mart. de la Camera Quæstionarium locorum difficil. S. Scripturæ 4. Compl. 1587. 1263 I signified, it seemeth, by Somatopœia, though Erithræus were the autour. For yow desired, with the figures, to haue any one special note sette downe of the autours name, or otherwise, whereby it might be known. For Io. Yañez Parladorius yow haue taken Io. Parladorius, which I thinke is the better title. While I calle it to minde, where I coupled in my notes, yow receaued Linius in Instituta, Iulius Capra in 41. Lib. Digest. and thirdly Calæfatus, by my binder, they are thus placed, Calæfatus, Iulius Capra, Linius:<sup>3</sup> wherof I thought fitte to giue yow notice, because the first booke is altered by him. 1685 Resende which yow say is there, and hath no autour, I doe refuse heere, for that yours is the same, and hath the autours name, as

<sup>3</sup> See note to the preceding Letter. The result of the changed order would be that the volume would be placed in

C. instead of L. In 1605 the volume was pressmarked C. 2. 14 Iur.

I should coniecture, for that it was printed the same yere as mine. I thinke yow shall finde, Feyta per Garcia de Resende in the title. I pray yow crosse it out of your last note. In one of my notes sent vnto yow I haue ioined Sal. Gesnerus in Oseam, and de Passione Domini in one vol. 178. and 180. which I pray yow strike out the one being in 8. the other in 12. They shall heerafter be otherwise placed. I can not possibly see, howe yow can goe in hand with the Presse before yow haue gotten from me all my couplements, of all my bookes: which will be vnpossible for me to doe this moneth. Howbeit I leese no time, where my buisnesse will permitte, that I may intend it. I shall request yow to signifie, whether any of these be in Bibliotheca Patrum, Zmaragdus, Zacharias Chrysopolitanus, Aurelius Prudentius, Diuus Eulogius: and what autour is ioined with Honcala in Genes. I should haue sent yow this letter on Wensday last, but that I was too much interrupted that morning. But nowe in your answeare heerunto, I would intreat yow, that I may receaue it to euery particular, and therewith commend yow to the almighties protection.

your affectionat frind

Tho. Bodley

London. Ia. 18. [1605].

I would not willingly buy any of those Treatises againe, that are in Tract. Doct. or Bibliotheca Patrum &c. But because I want their Indexes heere, I shall not knowe what autour to refuse, vnles that your self out of the Catalogue which yow lastly tooke heere, haue taken sins a note of suche, which then it were requisit I should haue. As nowe for example, heere is Tractatus de 2<sup>is</sup> Nuptijs of diuers autours, Tractatus de Missione in Possessionem of diuers, and so many others, which I stande doubtfull whether I shall buy

Sir,

## 121

SIR, Yow neede neuer make doubt, but that your letters come still, very safe to my handes. For I can not calle to minde, that euer any miscaried. Howbeit my occasions are suche, as I can not alwaies presently make an answer vnto yow, by the self same cariar, neither is it alwaies requisit. Yow write in your last, that yow had there, *Veræ Alchymix citra ænigmata &c.* and was one of the newe bookes: whereby I knowe not your meaning, whether the booke it self be there, or onely the title, among your titles, newly taken in my gallerie. I can not gette in this towne Bibliothec. Patr. or Tract. Doct. which enforceth me, to write still as I haue done, about particular autours. The note, which yow thinke yow sent vnto me of double bookes, was onely of some fewe in Lawe, wheras I expected, that according to your promise, I should haue receaued out of hand vpon your returne, a general note of all in euery facultie: the want wherof hath caused me to binde vp many, with greater cost and trouble to me, then needed at the first. Againe to stay the binding of my bookes, till I had signified my couplements to yow, and receaued your answer, would haue steeded me litle: for that very seeldome, before nowe very lately, yow returned a full answer, to euery point of my letters: which caused me to leese muche time in writing double letters of the same maters: which had bin all remedied, if assoone as yow returned to Oxon from hens, I might haue receaued a note of tho[se] bookes, which the Librarie had already. I can not remember, what number of sheetes yow haue had of my couplements, for that I haue sette them downe to my self in single peeces of paper, and sent them to yow in whole sheetes: which I hope yow haue safely kept. Otherwise all my labour and paines, which hath bin very gr[eat], will proue to be frustrat altogether: in so muche, as it will be in vaine, to send any more heerafter: because the losse of one sheete, or half sheete, is the marring of all.



I pray yow signifie whether yow find expedient, that I buy this newe Tho. à Kempis, because, as I should imagine, the former may content vs. Me thinkes Vincentij sermones Hyemales & Æst. should be in Bibliotheca Patr. if thei be not, I will buy these, num°. 536. Heerewith I haue sent yow a note of newe couplements which will serue to litle purpose, in case any of the former shall be missing, so as yow shall be forced, to expect the comming of my bookes, and then to take them as yow were wont. in which respect I would willingly knowe, whether yow be assured, that yow haue all my sheetes: if not, I would spare my labour heerafter in the writing of suche notes. If neede so require, I trust before Ester, to haue all my bookes ready, to be sent to Oxon: albeit I would rather, put it of somewhat longer, for the increase of their number. But I make account, that all shall be coupled, within these 15. daies: intending still, to signifie howe they are coupled, as I haue hitherto done, if yow be assured, that nothing sent is lost. In the meane while, yow shall haue leasure at will to frame your prefaces, and other preambles to your full liking: to which I shall request yow that I may be priuie, before they be published. And this is all for this time.

your affectionat frind

Tho. Bodley.

London. Ia. 30. [1605].

I would knowe what yow haue of Frischlinus in the Librarie.

## 122

**S**IR, I did alwaies make account, that after I had sent a note of any couplements, and had found by your answer, it came safely to your handes, I should not neede any longer to keepe a copie therof. For which I can not nowe assure yow, that your copies sent to me, comprehend all the notes that I sent to yow. Besides, in diuers of my letters, I signified sundrie pointes, that concerned the couplementes, and were very material, for yow to looke vnto: which

I finde by your letter, and your schedules, are not orderly kept together. Wherupon I may conclude, that your labour heere in London, and mine euer sins, hath bin lost altogether: because we shall but proceed vpon vncertaintie and confusion, which can not but engender many errours in your Catalogue, that when they shall be notified, I shall hardly make sale of our printed bookes. In which respect for bothe our credits, and a fitte satisfaction to the Vniuersitie, I haue so prouided to sette binders a worke, that all my bookes shall be bound and sent to Oxon, before the weeke after Ester: whereby yow may haue time to make a true and perfitte Catalogue, and to print it at good leasure, before the commencement.<sup>1</sup> In the meane while, whatsoeuer shall belong to your Prefaces and proemes, I knowe yow will sette in so good a readinesse, as there may be no stoppe in that respect, for taking the titles of my bookes, assoone as they come. I haue formerly written in three or fower letters, to knowe whether yow had there in the Librarie Veræ Alchymix citra ænigmata &c. because if yow had it, I would not send it from hens. Still your answer hath bin one, that yow had it, and that it was heere in my gallerie: which yow might well perceauē I knewe before, because I sent yow the figure 2079: but whether it be there in the Librarie, I rest as doubtfull as at first.

your alwaies assured  
Tho. Bodley

From London. Feb. 15. [1605].

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SIR, I haue alwaies thought it requisit, that the Catalogues of Autours in Biblioth. patrum, and Tract. Doctorum &c. should not be omitted in our printed Cat. Onely those must be omitted, which are otherwise bought single: of which yow can not knowe all, till the bookes which I haue heere shall com to your handes: for that vntill then, it can not appeere vnto yow, what bookes I haue chosen,

LETTER 122.—<sup>1</sup> i.e. the 'Act' (Encaenia).

or refused of these in my gallerie. But I assure my self, that within these fiue weekes, all that I haue, shall be with yow in Oxon. I pray yow remember to bespeake some 100. or 200. if yow thinke fitte, of the longest cheines. For I knowe that number will suffice: and I thinke of clippes, yow haue already as many, as shall be needefull. For howe long time it will be fitte, that the students should refreine from the vse of the Librarie, we may aduise between this and the time that the bookes be sent, and of all thinges els, to bothe our best likinges. The meane while I pray yow put all thinges in a readinesse, concerning your prefaces &c. that our Catalogue may be printed and published some time before the Act. And so I commend yow, and all your proceedings to Gods special direction.

your most assured frind

London. 27. Feb. [1605].

Tho. Bodley.

## 124

**S**IR, In your Last, before this, yow thought it highe time, to knowe by whome the titles of the bookes, of this yeres benefactours, should be written on the Register: wherupon I desired to heare presently from yow, who there with yow might be fitte for that purpose: and whether Dauis were in Oxon. Howbeit as yet, being 3. weekes sins, I haue receaued no answeare. This in good truth is a trouble vnto me, to write double letters for euery mater, and the buisnesse of the Librarie is very muche hindred by it. Withall I was desirous, to knowe when the cheinman could be with yow, and what yow heard from him: because it would be inconuenient, for my bookes to lie long vncheined in the Librarie. Vpon your answeare heerunto I will send my bookes vnto yow, whiche haue bin all bound and readie these 10. daies. If so be that booke, which Ios. Barnes is to print contene but 30. sheetes, he will be able to dispatche it, before yow can be readie, to print the rest of your Catalogue: and



so I would request yow to signifie vnto him. But in any wise yow must prouide, that all may be finished before the next Act. I am promised by M<sup>r</sup> Sheldon, that the Smith shall be readie to come when yow will: so as I am to expect but your answer heerunto, and four[th]with to send my drie fattes downe: wherewith I commend yow, and all your proceedinges to Gods gracious direction.

your assured frind

London. 28. Mar. [1605].

Tho. Bodley.

## 125

SIR, My Leasure doth not serue, to write at this present, so large an answer, as I would: but I minde to be with yow er be long, and then of all thinges at length. The meane while I will enquire to day for some bargeman going to Burcot, by whome I will send my bookes: and either be with yow, about the time of their arriual, or presently after. By your Saterdaies cariar yow shall heare againe from me.

your assured frind

Fulham. 3. Ap. [1605].

Tho. Bodley.

If yow desire a Colleague, it must be thought vpon before, howe farre his charge shall extend, by whome, and what he shall be allowed, for his trauel, besides sundrie other pointes. If we shall be to seeke of a preface to the Catalogue, when it is to be published, our proceeding will be noted of great imperfection: for which it must be performed by your self or som other

## 126

SIR, We expect euery tide some bargemen from Burcot. My bookes are all ready, and shall goe with the first. The parchment bookes will be more, then can be placed in the closets: but yow shall be forced, to shutte vp a great part (onely for a time, till further

further order shall be taken) within the grated deskes, and the rest must be laied vpon the floures of the Closets. And though by that meanes, yow can not place them in order, to deliuer them out: yet men must be contented, to beare with yow a while, till they be otherwise bestowed: wherof at my comming, I will determine with my frindes. I haue bin told of one in Corpus Christi College, that writeth faire and finely, but I can not learne his name.<sup>1</sup> If it be so, I hope we shall preuaile so muche with him, as he will be contented, to spare a fortnightes time, for our Register booke. It is true that I want our Common lawe bookes: but I will not despaire of finding some common lawier, that will pleasure vs that way. Otherwise I beleeeue, it will falle out, that it will be one of my last cogitations, and charges, if no man of so many, will vouchesafe so smalle a gifte. As for M<sup>r</sup> Barnes, when my bookes shall be there, it may be agreed between yow, what time yow will beginne. For I hope yow haue prouided, that your prefaces shall be ready: and then for all thinges els, yow shall haue leasure at will, before the Act. I pray yow take the paines to tell Henry Balle of Gloc. halle that Sir Io. Parker is not in London, but is hourelly looked for. Thus I leaue yow.

your faithfull frind

Tho. Bodley.

Ap. 4. [1605].

## 127

SIR, All my bookes are sent away, in 2. drie fattes, a fewe excepted, which shall be sent before the Act, for that they could not be packed with the rest. They will be with yow, I hope, at the furthest, vpon Munday, and I my self in like maner, the same day, or the day folowing. Yow shall doe well, to send for the cheineman, to be with yow vpon Wednesday. The smaller bookes, being so many as

LETTER 126.—<sup>1</sup> He was John Hales 'of Eton'. He entered donations in the Register down to 1609.

yow

yow shall finde them, must be put in heapes vpon the flower in the Closets, and for the time, yow may place some in the grated desks. Where and howe place may be made heerafter, with decencie to the Librarie, I pray yow bethinke yow throughly, against my comming, that all may be done for the benefit, and general liking of the Vniuersitie, and your owne greatest ease.<sup>1</sup>

London. Ap. 10. [1605].

your euer assured  
Tho. Bodley

## 128

SIR, I am glad that your Catalogue is to goe in hand so speedely. Heerewith I send yow the Titles of the bookes, which were lefte heere behinde. All in f<sup>o</sup>. are to be cheined, excepting Liber Aldaraia MS. which is in f<sup>o</sup>. but would be placed in the grated desks. Yow may shorten or lengthen the Titles of the bookes, as best will fitte your print. Some of them haue no yere of the Lord, some no note of the place of theire print, which I knowe yow will sette downe accordingly. There are none of them in 4<sup>to</sup>. to be cheined. The cheinman shall be sure to heare of his carelesnesse, which I doubt he will excuse (vnles yow tooke very good order for the deliuerie) with pretense that your letters came not to him. But howsoeuer I am glad that yow haue gotten a workman to your liking. Commend me most hartely to your brother and your self, for whome I will pray that yow may finde no weerinesse in your present labour.

London. Ap. 23. [1605].

your affectionat frind  
Tho. Bodley.

LETTER 127.—<sup>1</sup> The octavo volumes, hitherto placed in the Librarians' studies, appear to have been transferred to a newly-erected gallery in the west end of the Library. See Letter 222. They

soon outgrew the capacity of the shelves in this gallery, and were transferred to the galleries in Arts End in 1612. The West End gallery disappeared with the erection of the Selden End.

Suche



Suche as are inclosed with a long line are bounde in one vol.

If any faultes escape yongue Hales without correction, I pray yow cast an eye vnto them, that thei may be reformed.

## 129

**S**IR, The Forewardnesse of your Catalogue is very good tidinges : and your endeouour about the Index<sup>1</sup> is as needefull as may be. I hope M<sup>r</sup> Principal will so prouide, that the ioiners shall haue ended 3. weekes before the Act: before which time, and before your Catalogue be printed, I hope my self to be with yow. If yow please euery weeke to send the sheetes, as they are printed, I will thanke yow for it. Sir Io. Parker hath promised more then yow haue signified: but wordes are women, and deedes are men. The common lawe bookes shall be prouided out of hand, though that place be litle beholding to the common lawiers. But they can not be bought and bounde, and their titles sent vnto yow, to be printed with your Catalogue.<sup>2</sup> My L. of Southampton hath giuen 100<sup>li</sup>. vnto the Librarie, wherof I haue written vnto the Vicech. Whether Io. Smith were with yow, or sent yow any cheines, yow signifie nothing. As touching your title page, and your Epistle, I am no fitte iudge, for yow to builde on. For in mine owne writings I am altogether negligent, and in censuring other mens, somewhat too curious. For in your Title page I should not like that composition, Per omni modo: and I could wishe that Dioscorides were added to Hip. & Gal. For Scholæ Oxon. me thinkes Academia would doe better: and there would be somewhat els for, primariò, which I thinke yow can not find Aduerbially put, in any good autor.<sup>3</sup> Your Epistle for many

LETTER 129.—<sup>1</sup> Probably the Index 510.  
Alphabeticus to the Catalogue.

<sup>2</sup> They are entered in James's list of additions preserved in MS. Bodley

<sup>3</sup> The alterations suggested were in part adopted. See *B. Q. R.*, vol. i, p. 228; iii, p. 50.

pointes in it, I could wishe yow would frame a freshe: and vnles I were with yow, I can not so well expresse them by letter. But yow haue Moses and the Prophets, your brother and others there with yow, whose iudgements will steede yow more then mine: and for that it is the last thing to be printed, I purpose to be with yow, before yow com to it.

your very assured frind  
Tho. Bodley

London. May 1. [1605].

130

SIR, According to the ticket, which I sent the last weeke, I haue intreated Sir H. Sauile, to impart vnto yow his best aduise about the preambles to your catalogue: which he will doe very willingly, if yow please to goe to him, at his comming to Oxon, some time the next weeke, where he purposeth to stay, at the lest 10. daies. I will buy out of hand the Common Lawe volumes, which will make, as it is tolde me, some 9. or 10. volumes in f<sup>o</sup>. ioining some 2. together. The rest, excepting 4. or 5. in 4<sup>to</sup>. be 8<sup>o</sup>. bookes: of which many wilbe coupled, and then I thinke they will make some 14. vol. more: so as in all they happely will amount to some 24. vol. Whether yow will place them altogether, or asunder, your self will consider. For mine owne part, I should thinke, that one partition among the Lawe bookes, taking that one next about the writing table, and an other answering to it, iust vnder the table<sup>1</sup> will serue the turne, for them, and somewhat to spare: but then the 8<sup>o</sup>. bookes must be cheined, which I should not dislike. For considering the

LETTER 130.—<sup>1</sup> The books were placed 'extra ordinem' in W and Z Iur. The lower shelves to the bookcases in Duke Humfrey's Library were not added till many years later.

nature of those bookes, they may hardly be seuered, as others in other faculties. Which I leaue to yow to determine, and so bidde yow a Dieu

your very assured  
Tho. Bodley

London. May. 3. [1605].

## 131

**S**IR, I pray yow tell Sir Halles, that I will shewe my self thankful vnto him, at my next comming to Oxon, which shall be, God willing before your Catalogue be printed, or presently vpon it. I will cause M<sup>r</sup> Sheldon, to write to Io. Cheinman, about the cheines. There is no doubt, but the common lawe bookes will stand best together, and if they may be studied by two at once, it will suffice: for hardly more will meete at a time, and if thei should, we are not to provide for euery litle inconuenience. Yow send me good newes of M<sup>r</sup> Harmer, who I should imagine, will not faile of his worde, albeit as yet I haue heard nothing of him, from himself. Where Sir Io. Parker is, I doe not vnderstand: but if he purpose to keep touche, he knoweth my house, and hath bin with me three or fower times, making the same offer, and somewhat larger then to your self. If yow can coniecture what time your printing will be finished, I pray yow lette me knowe it: that I may therafter cast my iorney to Oxon. For as I should coniecture, it may falle out about the same time, as Keies shall be ready to sette vp his worke: which is all my desire: and all that I haue to signifie at this time, besides my kindest commendations.

your assured  
Tho. Bodley

London. May. 8. [1605].

I receaued your newe printed sheetes by the cariar.

LETTER 131.—<sup>1</sup> Probably the West End gallery. See Letter 127, note.

Sir,



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SIR, If Sir Hales will haue me write vnto the Vicechauncelour for his dispensation, before I com my self, I will doe it very willingly: otherwise I thought to doe all by worde of mouth. The Carpenters worke will not trouble the Libr. long, if they be dealt withall, by M<sup>r</sup> Principal, not to sette vp any thing, till all be fully framed. For I am vtterly against any shutting of the Librarie, till necessitie enforce it. I had forgotten to moue M<sup>r</sup> Principal, about some more casements to the Libr. which nowe I shall request yow to doe in my behalf, in suche windowes and places as shall be thought fittest. I thinke the carpenters can so prouide, as their workes shall not stoppe, or any way hinder the free entrance into the librarie. Commend me most hartely to your brother and your self.

your faithfull frind

Tho. Bodley

May. 10. [1605].

Sins the writing of my letter, I haue requested M<sup>r</sup> Principal about the casements

133

SIR, I had very firme promises from Sir Io. Parker, but as I signified in a former, I haue had no perfourmance: which is that must serue the turne. And of suche kinde of people, yow haue mette with many before. I hope, if other buisnesse lette me not, then I can yet imagine, to be with yow in Oxon, some time the next weeke. Wheras yow meruaile, that the last weeke yow heard nothing from me, I knowe not what point of any letter of yours I left vnanswared in my last: for I am somewhat curious in keeping good correspondence: and otherwise, I had not any mater, that did require a letter, for any occasion of mine owne. For to trouble yow further, then needes I  
must,

must, I am very vnwilling. Howe Sir Henry Sauile and yow haue agreed vpon your proems, yow signifie nothing, which I did very muche desire that there might be no rubbe, to stoppe the publishing of our Catalogue, in some good time before the Act: for which I knowe yow will prouide. Of the Remainder of those bookes which I haue heere, and of which I sent yow a catalogue, vpon my comming last from Oxon, I doe finde a great many missing on your sheetes sent hither, As Homo nouus Othonis Casmanni. 8. Da. Rungius de Norma et Iudice controuersiarum religionis. 8. Lensæus de Purgatorio<sup>1</sup> and yet yow put in Hessels de Eucharist. which is in the same volume with Lensæus. These I specifie among many others, and yet I haue not made trial of a quarter of them: wherewith I confesse I am somewhat troubled, that greater care is not taken, in suche a publike action, and that the Librarie should be farre better stoared, then our owne catalogue shall report: which is also nowe remediles, and too muche subiect to censures. It may be that I shall be with yow on tuesday or wensday, if I be not hindred more, then I can expect. Interim vale

your assured frind  
Tho. Bodley

May. 25. [1605].

## 134

SIR, I bothe spake at my being in Oxon, and haue written also nowe, vnto M<sup>r</sup> Principal, about the casements, whome I pray yow solicit in that behalf. Withall I would intreat yow, to send me the names of those Benefactours, that Sir Hales hath registred: for that I am hardly persuaded, that D. Martin is left out, his name and his bookes being sette downe heere, vpon my Catalogue, out of which that copie, which Sir Hales vsed, was transcribed by my man: and

LETTER 133.—<sup>1</sup> The first two books in the printed Catalogue. The last named appear at the end of the Appendix (p. 639) was entered under Lesleius.

as farre as I remember, yow shall finde a voide space for his Christen name, because I knewe it not. If he should be omitted, vpon notice therof by your next, yow shall receaue the list of his bookes. I pray yow lette me knowe by your next, whether yow haue not *Chronologia di Girolamo Bardi* f°. which I can not finde vpon your printed Catal.<sup>1</sup> and yet me thinkes yow should haue it.

The bearer heerof is the sonne of Drusius<sup>2</sup> the Hebrician of Friseland. He purposeth a while to soierne in Oxon, and withall vpon liking, to teache either priuatly or publikly (as he shall be sette a worke) the Hebrewe tongue, wherin, as likewise in the Chalday & Syriacke, his skill is extraordinarie, and likewise in the Greeke. I haue promised to recommend him vnto yow, for his accesse vnto the Librarie. In which regard I would request yow to deale in my name with M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour, that he may be there admitted, after a while. His desire is to common in Glocester halle, for which I recommend him vnto M<sup>r</sup> Principal. He will be able to steede yow about the titles of your Hebr. bookes, to your full satisfaction. I pray yow vse him with all kindnesse for my sake. Among your Errata, yow must note that L. is put before K. in the Appendix of your Lawe bookes.

your faithfull frind  
Tho. Bodley

Iune. 5. [1605].

135

SIR, I pray yow doe not faile, to send me your Index Alphabeticus, assoone as it is printed: and by the first the next weeke, as muche as shall be printed. My leasure doth not serue to write any more. Vale

your affectionat frind  
Tho. Bodley

7. Iun. [1605].

LETTER 134.—<sup>1</sup> See the second postscript to Letter 136.

<sup>2</sup> Professor of Hebrew at Leiden.

John Drusius the younger was admitted a reader in the Library on July 9, 1605.

Sir,



## 136

SIR, Your Index Alph. doth send me to a page in the Catal. where I can not finde Girolamo Bardi. It is a booke of great price, for which I would not buy it twice. I pray yow signifie in what place I may finde it, and whether it be in <sup>f</sup>. or otherwise, and in howe many volumes or Tomes. For this I haue heere is in 3. partes. As touching your Epistle to the Pr. with your Title page, because your brother will be with yow so shortly, I will tell him by worde what I thinke, which he will impart vnto yow, as likewise what els, I I could wishe yow should knowe. You haue a Bible or two in Italien in the Libr. I would request yow to signifie, whether ether of them be of Ant. Brucioli, whose Translation was printed at Ven. 1532. I may also buye heere a very faire Frenche Bible in <sup>f</sup>. magno, printed at Paris 1587. Whether yow haue the like (for this hath no interpreters name) in the Libr. already I would willingly vnderstand by the first: to the end I may send yow all your bookes heere, against the Act. Yow shall receaue heerinclosed D. Martins bookes whose proper name yow must prefixe, for that I knowe it not, and request M<sup>r</sup> Hailes from me to write his gifte on the Register. Which is all at this time. the rest by your brother.<sup>1</sup>

your affectionat euer

Tho. Bodley.

Iune. 12. [1605].

What course yow will take for the correction of your Hebr. yow doe not signifie.

Sins the writing of my letter I haue found it pag. 290. where it is not printed in the vsual letter of names.

LETTER 136.—<sup>1</sup> The Letter is annotated.

Sir,

SIR, I thinke my self greatly abused by Barnes. but howe to amende it, I knowe not. It would doe well that Drusius should suruey all his Characters in Hebrewē, and consider withall, what number will correct the Errata of his Catalogue. And if he finde them too fewe, they may be put in Latin letters, and the fault of that course, either cast vpon the Printer, or Compositour, or where yow finde it.

As touching your Prefaces, I haue to your brother imparted my minde, who will ioine with yow vndoubtedly to the framing of all, to that good liking that is fitte. Whiche I could wishe should be done with all expedition, to the end we may determine, vpon presenting the booke, to your best aduantage. I pray yow put as many to binding of the bookes, as yow shall thinke conuenient, of whiche I would haue some dousen of the better paper, to be trimmed with gilding and stringes, as when I come thither (which shall be, God willing, before the Act) shall be thought requisit. Howbeit for my comming, I will be willing to knowe your brothers opinion and yours, being very vnwilling, to make longer aboade, then needes I must. Yow must of force say somewhat to the king at his comming,<sup>1</sup> which must be short and sweete, and full of stuffe: whereto I doe not doubt, but yow will frame inuention. For there is time enough to thinke vpon it, sith it may not exceede the length of six Pater nosters. If Diamond<sup>2</sup> haue a will, to be early vp at his worke in the Libr. I pray yow giue him ingresse: and so as well weered, as I was a great while, with multitude of buisnesses, I betake your welfare to Gods special protection.

your assured cuer  
Tho. Bodley

London Iune. 14. [1605].

LETTER 137.—<sup>1</sup> The visit was paid on Aug. 30, 1605. The Librarian's speech on the occasion is preserved in Wood D. 9.

<sup>2</sup> Henry Dimond, 'servant to the University and painter', privileged June 20, 1600.

Sir,

## 138

SIR, this weeke hauing had no letter from yow, I haue nothing els to signifie, but that by water, and by M<sup>r</sup> Mundais meanes, I haue sent a pipe full of bookes, which I stand in some doubt, for that the waters nowe are lowe, yow shall not receaue these ten daies. But when they come to your handes, I would pray yow to obserue, at the opening of the pipe, that the chalked end is first to be opened, and that some twentie bookes or more, of those which offer themselves at first, vntill yow come to a lay of papers, are of the remainder of the last bookes, of which I sent yow the Catalogue, sins I came from Oxford: <sup>1</sup> but all the rest, are newe bookes, whose titles yow must reserue, for an other Appendix heerafter. I haue also some others, which I could not put into the pipe, remaining of that catalogue, which I sent yow last, and purpose to conuey by the common cariar or otherwise vnto yow. of whiche I make this precise mention, to the end, as bookes shall com in, from this time forward, yow may alwaies keepe a perfitte catalogue, for the next Appendix that shall be printed.<sup>2</sup> Whiche is as much, [as] I haue to write for the present vnto yow: and so I commend yow to Gods special protection.

your vnfaired frind  
Tho Bodley.

June 21. [1605].

LETTER 138.—<sup>1</sup> Books whose titles had been entered in the Catalogue before they had been placed in the Library.

<sup>2</sup> No later Appendix was printed. The Librarian's list of additions (1605-12) is in MS. Bodley 510.



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SIR, I will talke with M<sup>rs</sup> Owen<sup>1</sup> one of these daies. For I doe not thinke it fitte, to reparaire so hastely to her, vpon her returne. It will be time, in my opinion, that yow begin to thinke what speeche yow will vse to the King, at his accesse vnto the Librarie. For I would haue it to peruse at the lest 3. weekes before his comming: for which I shall request yow, to make no delaies. It must not carie greater length, then for half a quarter of an houres vtterance. Heerof I thought, at my being in Oxon, to haue some talke with yow at length, but that my suddaine sicknesse would not permit me: wherof as yet I am not ridde altogether: whereby I am forced to be shorter, then otherwise I would. Commend me most hartely to your brother.

your very ass. frind  
Tho. Bodley

London. Iuly. 12 [1605].

My L. Pagets bookes are not yet all bought, nor my L. of Southamptons. But thei shall be sent with the soonest. I pray yow cause M<sup>r</sup> Barnestons gifte, and M<sup>r</sup> Euan Iones, with M<sup>r</sup> Dorels, to be written on the Register by Sir Hales: and likewise, if yow thinke it meete, M<sup>r</sup> Vnderhils. To M<sup>r</sup> Euan Iones, those which he gaue before, would be added nowe, and all recorded together.<sup>2</sup>

LETTER 139.—<sup>1</sup> Dame Alice Owen, founder of a school and almshouses at Islington, who gave £100 to the Library.

considered large enough for entry in the Donations-register. : See Letter 36, note 2.

<sup>2</sup> His first donation had not been

## 140

SIR, I pray yow speake to Mr Hailes, that when I send yow the Catalogue of my L. Pagets bookes, they may be presently sette downe vpon the Register: and I purpose, God willing, some time the next weeke, to send it vnto yow. As for my L. of Southampton, I haue not yet furnished half his number, for want of bookes, of which notwithstanding I expect euery weeke, som stoare from Venice, and Lions. I pray yow signifie plainely to me, of what it proceedeth in Ioseph Barnes, that my bookes are not sold:<sup>1</sup> for me thinkes it will proue an vnfortunat worke vnto me. Because it is your owne collection, I could wishe yow to send, as from your self, to the B. of Winchester. For if I should be the giuer, I must write of force vnto him, accompanie the booke with a solemne letter, and also conuey it by som chosen messenger: which I want the time and the meanes to see fitly perfourmed. M<sup>rs</sup> Owen hath confirmed her gifte of a 100<sup>li</sup>. by her speeches to my self: wherupon I haue written vnto the Vicechancellour, to giue notice therof vnto the Vniuersitie, and to cause a publike letter to be written vnto her. This is all at this time.

your very assured

Tho. Bodley

London. Iuly. 16. [1605].

I shall very muche long to see your speeche to the King: for that it behooueth vs muche, it should be pleasing: as vndoubtedly yow haue in my opinion, a very fine place, and a fitte opportunitie, to shewe your self, in that respect, hardly any other actour hauing the like.

LETTER 140.—<sup>1</sup> Probably the recently issued Catalogue.

Sir,

## 141

SIR, Heerinclosed I send yow for Sir Hailes, my L. Pagets gifte to the Libr. I pray yow commend me very hartely to him, and request him from me that he would make his letters somewhat fuller for their better continuance: and the Incriptions to euery mans gifte, would haue, in my opinion, somewhat a bigger hand. Your self must remember to write their names vpon their owne bookes, which hauing onely giuen 1. or 2. bookes, are not sette downe on the Register.<sup>1</sup> Your brother and I will conferre about your speeche to the K. and then yow shall knowe my opinion therof. as yet I haue not seene him. Likewise there is time yet enough, to thinke vpon the globes, and all that pertaineth to the trimming of the Libr. Either I will be with yow, or write my minde in good season. I haue already sette downe a good quantitie of bookes for my L. of Southampton, and am in hope before the time to furnishe out the rest. Vale.

your very assured  
Tho. Bodley.

London. 24 Iuly [1605].

## 142

SIR, I haue sette downe in Englishe, the effect of a speeche, which I should desire might be vsed to the king. I haue written it in hast, and without curiositie, for your vnderstanding onely: and so as yow may adde or diminishe, change or interpose what yow thinke good. For I haue onely sette downe the roughe draught, which yow may refine, if yow like it. If I chaunce to see your brother before the cariar depart, I will conferre with him about it. To my iudgement, it will fitte your person and the place very well, being written in pure latin, and gracefully deliuered. The lending of any booke

LETTER 141.—<sup>1</sup> See Letter 36, note 2.

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out of the Librarie may be assented to by no meanes: neither is it a mater that the Vniuersitie or Vicechancelour are to deale in. It can not stand with my publike resolution with the Vniuersitie, and my denial made to the B. of Glocester,<sup>1</sup> and the rest of the interpreters in their assemblie in Christchurche, who requested the like at my handes, for one or two bookes. I pray yow therefore, whensoever yow shall talke with D. Blincowe, or any that may happen to make the like request, to intreat them to pardon me, being altogether bent, sins thinges haue bin settled in the Librarie to obserue all orders as strictly as may be. The booke required is but litle, and may soone be perused in the Librarie it self, which I doe not doubt, but D. Blincowe will consider, and excuse my precisnesse in obseruing an order so muche approued by others, and vrged still by my self. With Sir Tho. Lakes<sup>2</sup> I will deale to that effect as yow desire: but to speede yow of that, which may be for your purpose, till this buisnesse about the kinges comming be ouerpast, I for my part shall not haue the leasure to deuise. For it requireth more enquirie, and information of thinges then yow doe happely thinke on as yet. Howbeit in time conuenient for it, yow shall be sure I will endeuour, what I can for your good, by my self and by my frindes, in any respect.

your affectionat frind

Tho. Bodley.

London. Iuly 26. [1605].

Sir, I would intreat Sir Hailes to register my L. Pagets bookes with the soonest, for that I purpose to send a note of as many as I haue gotten for my L. of Southampton, if not for his whole 100<sup>li</sup>. and I pray yow signifie to him, that he shall not take paines for nothing. Your brother, I heare was to seeke me on Wensday, when I was at Fulham: and the same day he departed.

LETTER 142.—<sup>1</sup> Thomas Ravis, Bishop of Gloucester and afterwards of London, who was a member of one of the Oxford

Committees engaged in the preparation of the Authorised Version of the Bible.

<sup>2</sup> Latin secretary to James I.

Sir,

## 143

SIR, I beseeche yow deliuer the inclosed to M<sup>r</sup> Vicech. and by the cariar I send a booke directed to yow, wherein are 2. autours, of which the later, as I take it, doth handle that subiect, which I thinke D. Blincow would willingly peruse. For I haue sent it onely in regard of him, from whome, when he hath done with it, I pray yow receaue it, and place it in the Librarie. If yow like that rude draught of a speeche that I sent, I shall be very glad. For yow knowe for me, to sette it downe more exactly, it was to no purpose, vnto yow. I pray yow impart it with your brother, and when yow haue framed your speeche to your liking, lette me see it with the soonest. For I will giue yow my best aduise, which yet yow may folowe at your pleasure: and whatsoeuer I shall doe in your behalf, assure your self, it shall be knowne to none but my self, that I haue any oare in that boate. That which yow request about the kinges bookes,<sup>1</sup> I would willingly doe, but that charges growe on ouer fast, in so many thinges daily. With a worde of answear to the Prince, or whosoever, that I am binding his bookes heere in veluet, in two volumes, all will be excused, that can be objected. But I doe not thinke, that the Prince, to be there without his father, will haue any leasure. Bucananus<sup>2</sup> is in your printed Catal. that it will not auaille, to conceale him in his deske: neither doe I thinke that it will be thought on: or if it be, as yet we haue no reason, to take any notice of the kinges dislike. I pray yow continue your purpose for colouring suche bookes,<sup>3</sup> as yow shall fansie most. Yow must looke for at the lest, of all sortes, for some 160. bookes from hens, which yow shall receaue in good season, before the Kinges comming. Learne, if yow

LETTER 143.—<sup>1</sup> James had evidently proposed to re-bind the copy of the King's works in anticipation of the royal visit.

<sup>2</sup> See Letter 100 and note 1.

<sup>3</sup> i.e. colouring the edges. The colouring was chiefly employed to distinguish the various works in a composite volume. See S. Gibson, *Some Oxford Libraries*, p. 73.

can of M<sup>r</sup> Vicech. when I shall receaue the Vniuersitie letters of thanks to M<sup>rs</sup> Owën, which it were more then time I had deliuered. Salutem fratri.

[Aug. 1605].

your assured  
Tho. Bodley.

Sir, I doe finde sins that the title of that booke which I haue sent doth promise more, then is contained in the booke. Neuertheles yow may shewe it D. Blincowe.

# 144

SIR, I knowe not what I haue scribled, not by way of correction (for I neither haue the leasure, nor learning to doe it) but by shewing what I wishe your self would reforme, to the same or like purpose, as I haue hastily sette downe. As I am affected, my speeche of the two, comprehendeth more mater, and more pertinent then the other. There will be no orations publikey made, as I doe vnderstand it, to the Queene or the Prince: for which I thinke yow may spare, to thinke therupon. For we may not seeme more officious, then the whole Vniuersitie: wherin notwithstanding, yow shall not doe amisse, to take the good aduise of M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour. I will be with yow, God willing, vpon the Saterday before the comming of the K. I pray yow intreat Sir Hales in my name, to peine himself a litle, for the recording of my L. of Southamptons gifte, before the K. comming. I haue onely heerinclosed a part of his bookes: but there will be twice as many more, which yow shall receaue vpon Saterday, in other two sheetes, and yet there will not be all. But the rest may be added heerafter. The orders hanging at the doare, I could wishe to be taken cleane away, for the reading of them, by som, will stay, and hinder the entrance of the Libr. I doe desire that after the Libr. is well swept, and the bookes cleansed from dust,

yow



yow would cause the floure to be well washed and dried and after rubbed with a litle rosemary: for a stronger sente I should not like. I shall also request, to cause the 2. tables at the vpper end to be taken asunder, and kept in som frindes house neere adioining, till my comming thither. If the Globes will not be placed conueniently in the Gallerey (wherin I pray yow aduise with your brother, Mr Princip. & Mr Gent) I would desire yow likewise, to gette them caried to some neere place, and put in safe custodie. I haue sent yow by the cariar, a drie fatte of bookes, of which the first placed, which are at the end that is chalked, are of the old stoare, whose titles are sette downe already, on your printed catalogue. After them is a lay of papers, & then the rest are all newe, and suche as are not mentioned on your Catalogue. I haue further inclosed in the drie fatte both wire and clippes, which I make no doubt, but yow may in good time, gette fastned to your bookes. Vale

your euer assured  
Tho. Bodley.

London Aug. 13. [1605].

I doe not thinke that the speeche is any whitte too long being deliuered with conuenient quicknesse.<sup>1</sup>

I knowe, as neere as yow can, yow will frame your meditation, to the kinges pronounciation of, i, &, au<sup>2</sup>./. The cariage of the drie fatte shall be discharged: I haue not written to Mr Principal about the receat of it, for which I would intreat yow to see it caried to the Librarie in time conuenient, and schollers of your knowledge appointed, for their trust, to be imploied in the cariage vp.

LETTER 144.—<sup>1</sup> A marginal note in Bodley's hand. In *Rel. Bodl.*, p. 214, it is inserted after the words 'hastely sette

downe'.

<sup>2</sup> King James intensely disliked the English pronounciation of Latin.

## 145

SIR, This weeke I receaued no letter of yours, and I thinke in my last, I imparted my aduise, touching all, or the most of your former doubttes. Heerewith I haue sent yow the residewe of the Catalogue of my L. of Southamptons bookes. There are wanting as yet, to the value of ten poundes, or therabout, which I could make vp, with bookes in 8°. But the number would growe too great: for which I will attend, till I meete with greater volumes. By Mundaies cariar I sent yow a litle drie fatte of bookes, which I hope yow shall receaue in good plight, & then be troubled no more, with newe bookes for a long time. My L. Treasurer<sup>1</sup> holdes his purpose, to be at Oxon vpon Friday next, and, God willing, at the furthest, I will be there vpon Saturday after. Howbeit I shall receaue your letters, if yow chaunce, or haue cause to write any, vpon tuesday next and thursday:<sup>2</sup> for that I doe not purpose to sturre, till Friday next. And so for this time a dicu.

your faithfull frind

Tho. Bodley.

Aug. 16. [1605].

There are certaine bookes sette downe, to the number of 7 or 8. vpon my L. of Southamptons gifte which I haue not yet sent because they are not bounde

## 146

SIR, I expected no other perfourmance of that promise of Sir Ant. C.<sup>1</sup> and had yow taried for my answeare, I should haue wished yow to write, before yow had gone in person. For I haue many suche

LETTER 145. — <sup>1</sup> Lord Buckhurst, Chancellor of the University.

<sup>2</sup> The days on which the Oxford-London carriers reached London.

LETTER 146. — <sup>1</sup> Possibly Sir Anthony

Cope, of Hanwell Castle, who was M.P. for Banbury 1571-83, 1586-1604, and for Oxfordshire 1606-14. Sir Walter Cope was a benefactor to the Library in 1602.

promisers

promisers every day, but hardly of twentie one perfourmer. I am busied in getting a warrant, for the Kinges bookes: bycause it must passe the priuie seale: and as yet I am not assured, howe his Highnes will haue me to extend his gifte,<sup>2</sup> and with what reseruations it shall passe. The meane while, it needes to be no lette to any publike exercise that yow will perfourme: for that yow shall haue warning timely before I shall craue your aide. That building of Exetter college must be looked into by times: wherin yow and your brother shall doe me a fauour, to talke with D. Holland, and with the Vice-chancellour, if yow finde it requisit: to whome in like maner, I will write my self, when by your information, I shall haue certainly vnderstoode, what worke it is that they intend, and howe preiudicial to the Library.<sup>3</sup> I pray Sir, send me worde, what edition it is of Bibliotheca Patrum which yow doe desire. I haue one offered vnto me by Io. Bille printed at Par. 1575. and sette out by La Bigne, which Io. Bille saieth is the same that yow meane, which varieth from the last edition. If Mr Farmour Mr Mundaies marchant heere will receaue your quarteredge, and giue me a bille to Mr Munday for the paiment of it vnto yow, I will send it heerinclosed: if not, I will attend some order from yow by your next. Vale.

your euer assured  
Tho Bodley.

Oct. 2. [1605].

<sup>2</sup> The promise was made by the King on his visit to Oxford in August of this year (see Letter 224) but though Bodley obtained a warrant from the King (Letter 147) he was nevertheless unable to obtain possession of any books from the Royal Libraries, of the value of which

he had formed the highest expectations (Letter 154). Some years later (Letter 224) he still contemplated the possibility of a renewal of his attempt to secure them for the Bodleian.

<sup>3</sup> See Boase's *Reg. of Exeter Coll.*, pp. 312, 313.



## 147

SIR, I haue gotten a Warrant<sup>1</sup> from the K. vnder his hand and priuie seale, for the choise of any bookes, that I shall like, in any of his houses or Libraries. Howbeit, for that the place at Whitehall is ouer the Queenes chamber, I must needes attend her departure from thens, wherof as yet there is no certaintie known. Howe I shall proceede for other places, I haue not yet resolued, but as occasions falle out, yow shall be aduertised. I pray yow send me by your Mundaies cariar, that Catalogue of bookes which was lastly written by Sir Hales, as the gifte of my L. of Southampton. It was written with my mans hand, whereto there are more to be added: and I pray yow tell Sir Hales, that although many buisnesses did cause me to forgette to speake with him, at my last departure from Oxon, yet I doe not forgette that I am his debtour. Vale

your assured euer  
Tho. Bodley.

London. No. 6 [1605].

## 148

SIR, This Christmas hath made me keepe at Fulham: but to morowe, God willing, I will to London, and if I com in time, before the cariar depart, I will send yow Posseuin<sup>1</sup> by the first.<sup>2</sup> otherwise yow shall not faile, to receaue it on Saterday,<sup>2</sup> vnbounde as it is, for that I had it not in time, to be bounde before the holy

LETTER 147.—<sup>1</sup> The thanks of Conuocation were on Dec. 16, 1605, decreed to Sir T. Lake for his assistance in procuring this warrant.

LETTER 148.—<sup>1</sup> His *Apparatus sacer*, vol. 2, which, though dated 1606, was included in the Frankfort catalogue of the previous autumn. It contained an attack

on James's *Ecloga Oxonio-Cantabrigiensis*.

<sup>2</sup> i. e. carrier of the week, who would leave London on Wednesday. If Bodley did not arrive before the carrier's departure, the book would be sent by the second carrier, who started on Friday and reached Oxford on Saturday.

daies.

daies.<sup>3</sup> If your answear to him and Gretserus,<sup>4</sup> could be printed before the Mart, there may be some hope, it will finde him aliue:<sup>5</sup> if not, it can be no diminution, to the goodnesse of your cause: and happely Gretserus will supplie for the other, by som replication. Howsoever, your cause is good, your leasure is good, and so is your will, I am sure, and likewise your meanes, by reason of your Librarie, to frame so good an answear, as I trust will be som meanes, to aduance your estate: which I wishe may falle out, to your best contentation.

your most affectionat frind  
Tho. Bodley.

Fulham 7. Ian. [1606].

## 149

SIR, I was thrice at Lamhith, to haue dined with the Archeb. sins your departure, and still he was to dine, at the Court or with some Bishop. But I must and will finde him assoone as I may: and rather at a meale, then otherwise, because I would haue meanes, to participat at large, about our Collation:<sup>1</sup> wherunto I am yet aduised,

<sup>3</sup> The work (P. 10. 4 Th.) was bound in Oxford.

<sup>4</sup> James's 'Romishe corruptions' containing 'A sufficient answere' to Possevin and Gretser was published in 1611.

<sup>5</sup> He died at an advanced age in 1611.

LETTER 149.—<sup>1</sup> The collation of the texts of the writings of the Church Fathers and other early Christian documents was undertaken with the object of proving that Roman Catholic editors of texts of these works had suppressed some passages in them and altered others in support of Roman Catholic claims. The results obtained were intended to be issued as a semi-official publication of the Library, demonstrating the definitely Protestant character which then attached to it. Bodley's interest in the work con-

siderably diminished (Letters 154, 155) and he became somewhat critical as to the value of the results attained (Letter 193) being especially anxious (Letters 156, 183) that the general affairs of the Library should not suffer from devotion to this work on the part of the Librarian, whose main interest it had been and remained through life. In 1608 Dr. James secured the appointment of a Committee 'ad discutiendum negotium de patribus emendandis', and in 1610 the nomination by the Archbishop of Canterbury of 20 scholars to undertake the work. Some interesting documents relating to this are in MS. Ballard 44, and an account of the progress made will be found in the *B. Q. R.*, vol. iv, pp. 92-94.

to admitte no other but suche, as will accept my allowance for their paines, lest they should assume a greater libertie then others, and not conforme themselves so strictly to that course of proceeding, which we shall determine: and herein I purpose to carie a stroake my self alone, intending that no man shall be of the number, but suche as are in some measure qualified with the knowledge of the 3. learned tongues, and also otherwise held by the whole Vniuersitie, to be very grownded schollers. But if any other will be willing, to com to this conference, of their owne good disposition, we are to imbrace in that behalf, their affections and trauels. Your Essay sent vnto me of the six pages, is very orderly sette downe. But if of 6. pages, which are 3. leafes, there should falle out one leafe of corrections (for so there will doe, and more, by your computation) the diuersitie of readings in all the fathers, will amount, in my opinion to 4. or 5. great volumes. For which we are to deliberat soundly together, whether euery smalle difference shall be sette downe, or onely suche as are material. For though the Manuscriptes of one contrey shall accorde in one reading, which may be presumed, to proceede from one or two original copies, yet those in other contris may varie from ours, and be held authentical enough. My desire to hasten this worke is as feruent as any mans: but that no exception may be made to our posting, as vndoubtedly heerafter, whatsoeuer our excuses, wilbe counted as friuolous, if we committe an incongruitie, I would haue vs lay our groundselles sure: and therefor will gather all our Manuscriptes first. I doe not doubt, but we shall find a great many, in Whitehalle Librarie, and when I haue them in my custodie, I doe not intend to leese any time, from going in hand, with that we haue proiected. For as yet I stand in feare, that we haue not 3. seuerall copies of euery part of S<sup>t</sup> Augustin: wheras there would be had. 8. at the lest: and all collected at the first: because, euery copie must haue his separat marke and note or cipher: as also (as neere as may be) they should be copies apperteining to the Librarie, that euery man may com & see, with what sinceritie we haue dealt, in all our collations,



collations, and take a sight of our copies in one self place. It is likewise to be considered, whether the printed copies which are to be vsed in the Collation shall be the same that are in the Librarie. There are besides other pointes of moment to be thought on, which when I haue perused these bookes of his Highnes I will propose and conclude with all the speede I may. For one thing yow must thinke on, that if the king should delay the hauing away of his bookes, after once I shall haue taken their viewe, and deliuered him a catalogue, of those that I haue chosen, the pretense which I must make of vndertaking speedily the Collation of the fathers, must be the motife, which I will vse, to gette my dispatche. If yow haue found a fitte scholler to your fantasie to assist yow in the Librarie,<sup>2</sup> I am very gladde of it, and after our Lady day forward, I will allowe him after the rate of 6<sup>li</sup>. 13. 4. to be paid vnto him half yerely or quarterly, as yow shall bargaine with him. And so beseeching God to continue yow and yours in your des[i]red welfare, I betake yow to the Almightye.

your euer assured

Tho. Bodley.

London. Feb. 25. [1606].

In my opinion it will be very requisit, that as your leasure will permitte, yow should serche precisely, whether first we haue all S<sup>t</sup> Augustin and then howe many copies, of eche worke. For I doubt we are vnfurnished in bothe respectes: so that we shall meete, as workmen vnprovided of tooles, and be noted in our plotte, of great defect in our prouision and readinesse: which is against my proceeding in all the courses hitherto vndertaken about the Librarie.

<sup>2</sup> The Under-keeper. See Letter 108, note 5.

Sir,

## 150

SIR, My buisnesses are many waies so many, as vnles the mater it self, wherof yow write, require a present answeare, as your last vnto me did not, I doe willingly differ it. I doe againe cause the King to be moued to some purposes, about his bookes, and I expect euery day his final answeare: vntill when I can say nothing, to that which yow knowe dependes therupon. I purpose, God willing, to send yow a drie fatte of bookes, some time the next weeke, and likewise the Catalogues of bookes of this yeres Benefactours. I thanke yow hartely for your Wicliffe,<sup>1</sup> which my leasure doth not serue to reade ouer as yet: nor yow, I trust, haue no vrgent occasion to vse it. Heerinlosed I send yow a bille, to receaue for your self, and your vnderlinges,<sup>2</sup> this quarters rent. I pray yow commend me most hartely to Sir Hales, and intreat him from me, that I may vse his helpe, as heeretofore,<sup>3</sup> for the registring of this yeres giftes to the Librarie, in which regard he shall not finde me vnmindfull nor vngratefull for his paines, for which I am already indebted vnto him, sins he finished the Catalogue of the L. of Southampton. Thus for this time I bidde yow hartely a Dieu.

your euer assured  
Tho. Bodley.

London. 25. Iune [1606].

## 151

SIR, Heerewith I haue sent yow the Catalogue of M<sup>rs</sup> Owens bookes, and of some others. There is yet behind Sir Fra. Veres,<sup>1</sup> which my man at this present had not the leasure to copie out. But

LETTER 150.—<sup>1</sup> See Letters 159, note 3, 163 and note 2.

<sup>2</sup> Including the first payment to the Under-keeper. See Letter 149.

<sup>3</sup> i.e. notwithstanding the appointment of the Under-keeper.

LETTER 151.—<sup>1</sup> Sir Francis Vere gave £10 and books in 1602, £10 in each of the years 1605–8, and books in 1609. He had promised a donation of £100 in 1598 (Reg. Conv. Ma. fol. 36).

they

they shall be sent vnto yow by the first the next weeke. I thinke it needeles, to keepe my custome this yere, in aduertising the Vniuersitie, what bookes haue bin giuen sins the last Act, for that they knowe already M<sup>rs</sup> Owens gifte, and Sir Fr. Vere continueth his 10<sup>li</sup>. yerely: & there is besides but M<sup>r</sup> Clapham and M<sup>r</sup> Chubbe, whose giftes are but smalle. I pray yow signifie vnto me by the first, howe many ten poundes Sir Fr. Vere hath already giuen, this yeres not accounted. I haue sette downe vpon M<sup>rs</sup> Owens list, La 3<sup>a</sup>. parte del Tesoro politico di Gio. Botero, twice: but whether yow haue it twice, or that one of them should be La 2<sup>a</sup>. parte, I doe not knowe, neither can I finde by serche, for that as many of her bookes, and Sir Fr. Veres, as were bound before the kinges comming to Oxford, I sent thither at that time, not knowing which thei were. For which I would intreat yow to lette me vnderstand what yow finde, that in case I haue bought a double booke, one of them may be omitted, in the transcript on the register, in lieu wherof I will put some other, of the same price. I haue sent a drie fatte of bookes to Burcot, which will be there, I hope, vpon Wednesday, and I haue written to M<sup>r</sup> Principal, to take some order for their conueiance to Oxon by cart. Some fewe bookes I haue lefte, which would not goe into the drie fatte, which shall be sent by the first cariar the next weeke, if not by this. Whether I shall be with yow at your Act, I am vncertaine: but I purpose it, if I can. Vale

yours

Tho. Bodley

Iulij 3<sup>o</sup>. [1606].

I pray yow conferre with M<sup>r</sup> Principal about the conueiance of my bookes from Burcot.

Sir,



## 152

SIR, I would willingly peruse the Catalogue of your double bookes, before I make them away : but I pray yow commend me to your brother, who I am resoluēd shall make his choise, of suche as he liketh, before any other. I must desire yow to remember to put, donaut iam tertio 10. libras &c. vpon the Inscription of this yeres gift of Sir Fra. Vere. I am very sorie for the breaking of the Register claspe: which could not be done, without very great violence, and will in my opinion, be hardly well repared. Your suite to Sir H. Sauile I will not forget, to further to my vttermost: but to answeare all obiections, it were fitte for me to doe it by worde of mouth: and I pray yow be throughly aduised vpon it, whether the place may be enioied by one that shall be forced, to be absent so muche. For I am lothe to make suche suites, as are of a nature not to be graunted. But I hold it otherwise, a very good place for your purpose, and will affourd yow therunto my very best furtherance. What becomes of your verses intended to be offered to the K. of Denmarke,<sup>1</sup> I doe not vnderstand. I pray yow informe me by your next. If yow haue any more copied out of Wicliffe, yow shall pleasure me muche to impart it vnto me: and it shall be restoared with very hartie thanks, at whatsoeuer time yow please to assigne. Howe I should be instructed of the state of Eaglescliffe,<sup>2</sup> in good truth I knowe not. For where the Deane<sup>3</sup> is, I heare not: and to moue the Archeb<sup>p</sup> about it, at random, when he findes me ignorant of the nature of my suite, is to teache him to denie me. Take good

LETTER 152.—<sup>1</sup> He did not visit Oxford. The verses intended to be offered to him, which included a contribution from the Librarian, are now in the British Museum (Royal MS. 12 A. 64).

<sup>2</sup> The living of Eggescliffe, in the county of Durham, was held from 1603-6 by William James (the Librarian's

cousin) who was Dean of Durham from 1596-1606, being elected Bishop of the diocese on Sept. 7, 1606, in succession to Toby Mathew who had been elected Archbishop of York on April 18, 1606. See Letter 154 (Oct. 16, 1606) in which he is referred to as Bishop of Durham.

knowledge,

knowledge, I pray yow, of Eaton fellowship, and it shall not be long, if it be faisable, before I speake with Sir Henry, though I make of sette purpose a iorney vnto him. Would to God yow had signified, wherein the imperfections of our London binding did consist, and in what kinde of volumes in special: whether of bookes in f<sup>o</sup>. or the others. And thus I bidde for this time very hartely a Dieu.

your very assured

Tho. Bodley

Fulham. Iuly 25. [1606].

## 153

SIR, I haue moued Io. Bille, about those blancks in Caluin on the Psal. which might easily scape both him and me. The worst is, There are no others to be had for mony. If Hugo Cardinalis vpon Esay be not omitted in all of that Edition, that defect shall be supplied. I thinke by Heshusius in omnes Epistolas, is meant onely omnes, that he hath written. For Io. Bille beleuees, that he hath but written vpon Ad Rom. & Cor. As for those that are double, our losse will not be great, both for that the bookes which yow haue nowe noted are not many, and they will be made away for other bookes, or for mony, with litle losse.

It had been absurd, to haue made the claspes of the Register of siluer, and the bosses of copper: albeit the charge had not differed muche, all thinges accounted. But my feare was, that where nowe the claspes falle of, of themselues, they would then haue fallen of with other mens helpe. I knowe not what to say to it, till I com my self to see it. The K. of Denmarke departing, as it is thought, within these 3. daies, I shall see what will becom of the K. bookes, wherupon will depend many other resolutions.

Where yow write that yow can not finde vpon the Catalogue the 1. part of Schultetus Medulla & Stowes Chron. I knowe not which Catalogue yow meane, vnles it be the printed: or whether

yow signifie so muche to the end I should buy them. I want your answer, to that which I requested in my last vnto yow, that yow would lend me som more of Wicliffes worke, if yow had any more copied. Diuers finde fault that the Librarie is oftener shutte then it should be: namely the last Munday, which in deede in my opinion, was not to be exempted, howsoever tuesday<sup>1</sup> might be excused: albeit I should like that neither of bothe were freed, but during the time of publike praier and the sermon. Thus wishing your happinesse to the fille of your desires, I rest

your most assured  
Tho. Bodley.

Aug. 8. [1606].

## 154

SIR, I had long speeche with the B. of Duresme<sup>1</sup> in your behalf, whome I found in wordes very willing, to stand your frind in any thing: but when I proposed that living in particular, the extent of the parishe was so great, and continual residence, and hospitalitie so requisit,<sup>2</sup> as it could not be discharged by your self, who could not be present, nor by any other, that should not enioy the whole commoditie of the living: which were the pointes which he stood vpon so stiffely, as no debating with him, could giue him satisfaction. I looke euery houre to heare from the Court: and if I may haue my choise of his Maiesties bookes, sith there are many manuscripts among those at Whitehall, it can not be otherwise, in my opinion, but that the greater part of them should be of diuinitie, and,

LETTER 153.—<sup>1</sup> The anniversary of the Gowrie conspiracy.

LETTER 154.—<sup>1</sup> William James. See Letter 152, note 2.

<sup>2</sup> The living of Eggescliffe. See Letter 152, note 2. William James, who had

recently resigned the living, had been famous for hospitality at the time when he was Dean of Christ Church, Oxford. Queen Elizabeth is said never to have forgotten the good entertainment he gave her on her visit to Oxford.



as I should imagine, of the fathers. As neere as is possible, whensoever we should attempt that collation of the fathers, the copies which are vsed, should remaine in the Librarie, there to be perused by all commers in, if any man calle in question the faith of our Collation. To thinke to supplie our wantes, out of Germanie or Fraunce, is to feede our selues with a hope of a mater full of trouble, & very vnlikely to take place. In my conceat yow can not doe better, then, when yow finde a leasure time, to see howe many copies yow haue of euery part, of euery one of the fathers: that when yow goe to worke, yow may not misse your instruments, which might make that attempt accounted inconsiderat, if not ridiculous to the aduersarie. For to goe in hand with some partes, of some of the fathers, would not proue a worke worthy the expectation raised, nor the fame of the Librarie. These and many pointes more, I could lay before yow, right worthy to be thought on, which I deeme as yet sufficient to intimat vnto yow, till I heare howe my suite hath spedde in Court, which yow shall knowe assoone, as I can signifie the same.

your assured  
Tho. Bodley.

From Fulham. Oct. 16. [1606].

# 155

SIR, I will send a man to London, to deliuer this letter to the cariar, and to inclose a ticket to Munday, for the paiement of so muche as is dewe vnto yow: for my seruauant shall pay it, to some one of his factours, if any will receaue it, and inclose his bille, within this letter. Sir Tho. Kneuet<sup>1</sup> & Sir Pet. Yongue<sup>2</sup> haue dealt very muche vnderhand, to stoppe the kinges graunt of his

LETTER 155. — <sup>1</sup> Afterwards Lord Knyvet of Escrick, gentleman of the privy chamber.

<sup>2</sup> Sir Peter Young, chief almoner of the Royal household, who had been King James's tutor.

bookes: wherin I knowe not as yet howe well I shall speede: but two daies past I writte a letter to be shewed to the king himself: wherupon I shall knowe, whereto I may trust: and if I may not enioy the gifte of his Manuscriptes, I doubt I shall not vndertake that Collation of the fathers. For I am perswaded that our varietie of copies is not suche, as we shall be able to make so worthie a worke, as were fitte to be published from suche a place. But vpon his Highnes answear, yow shall heare my opinion more exactly. The meane while I bidde yow most hartely welcom home.

your assured faithfull frind

Fulham. Oct. 20. [1606].

Tho. Bodley.

## 156

**S**IR, I can not write plainer, then I did in my former. Yow aske leaue to doe that, which needeth no mans leaue: and as I signified lastly, if my leaue should be needefull, I should very muche wrong both yow and the state, if I should not graunt it willingly.<sup>1</sup> And therefor I knowe not, what should cause yow againe, to iterat that request. Still I hope yow will remember, that nothing be omitted, while that worke is in hand, of the duties belonging to the custodie of the Librarie: and then assume whome yow please, and commence when yow thinke good: and I beseeche the almightie, to prosper your proceeding.<sup>2</sup> My opinion is the same, as I shewed before, That whatsoever hath bin promised, sith nothing is perfourmed, Sir Tho. Lake hath don as muche for yow, as either of the others.<sup>3</sup> I would that yerely 20<sup>li</sup>. to keepe your wife and child, were bestowed vpon yow there: and then I might say for certaine, that there is somewhat don for yow: wheras otherwise to make yow an offer of

LETTER 156.—<sup>1</sup> No such statement is found in any extant Letter.

<sup>2</sup> James proposed to undertake the collation in spite of Bodley's withdrawal.

See Letters 154, 155.

<sup>3</sup> Probably the Bishop of Durham and Sir H. Savile. See Letters 152, 154.

suche a salarie, to be Chaplen in his house, is to bidde yow to your losse. In effect all promises of liuinges when thei falle, and letters of recommendation, are to very smalle purpose, vnles thei be folowed and effected. For of suche Sir Tho. Lake can procure yow as many, as yow shall desire, and none of them all relieue your present necessitie. It is no good course that yow take, to sette Sir Th. Lake a work, about the obtaining of .2. prebendes at one instant, without inquirie made before, what aduousons are fourth already: it will not stand with my credit to make suche motions at random, and at all aduentures, nor it would not be proposed, but by way of petition in a worde from [your] self as well [as] from me. Herewith I haue sent yow M<sup>r</sup> Mundays bille, and so commend your welfare to Gods speciall protection.

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 12. [1606].

your assured  
Tho. Bodley

## 157

SIR, I am greatly beholding to all my frindes, and to your self in special, for your singular care of my health and welfare, which I finde, I thanke God, to better day by day. Yow make me gladde with that yow signifie, that yow are assured in England, there are more bookes to be found, then are worth 500<sup>li</sup>. which are not in the Librarie. If they be to be solde, aduertise me of it, and I will presently bestowe two hundred markes before the Act: and I will presently take order, that none of the rest shall escape my handes. And if yow aide me not heerin, the fault shall be yours and not mine. For yow shall neuer see, that any good bookes shalbe lost for want of buieng, though I finde no contributours: albeit yow neede not doubt, but I shall alwaies finde sufficient. And touching the imperfections founde by the students, that the most corrected copies are not  
sent



sent vnto them, sith neither your self nor they, haue euer directly and in particular, acquainted me with it, I must cast the blame vpon those, that when thei knewe so muche, were silent. The later end of your letter is obscure vnto me, sounding muche as if yow meant, to giue ouer your charge, and betake your self to a priuat course: which if yow doe intend, I pray yow expresse it directly. For as I haue bin and am exceedingly satisfied with your endeouours in that place, so if yow purpose to forsake it, I must be very carefull, to see the Vniuersitie be continuallie serued. And as I am assured, I shall neuer haue any more sufficient then your self, so withall I am resolued, that neuer any shall be vsed, with so muche fauour as your self. I will neither aduise or persuade yow to one course or other, because I will be free from desert of rebuke, but I wishe yow to hearken to your most iudicial frindes, and rest assured alwaies, that your nearest frindes and kinsfolkes, can neither desire, nor tender your welfare and good contentment, more then my self.

your most affectionat frind

Tho. Bodley

London. April 3°. [1607].

## 158

SIR, The Mart bookes be not yet com, but are houely expected. Vntill then I shall not be able, to send M<sup>r</sup> Hales a Catalogue of all, that shall be with yow before the Act. Howbeit I may happely very shortly send him some to begin withall, and then I will also write vnto him. To your intended exercise in the Act<sup>1</sup> I can but wishe yow that successe, which I would should befall my deerest frindes, in all their endeouours, and I doe it very hartely. M<sup>r</sup> Worseley<sup>2</sup> shall not be forgot in my nomination of this yeres Benefactours:

LETTER 158.—<sup>1</sup> On April 28, 1607, James supplicated 'ut liceat ei Doctoribus proximis Comitibus incepturis respondere, et ut haec responsio ei cedat pro forma

ac si in schola theologica respondisset'.

<sup>2</sup> Richard Worseley who gave MSS. in 1607.

and

and if yow please the meane while, his gifte may be recorded on the Register. I wishe yow had sette downe what bookes thei are of Bacon, that yow entitle opuscula Varia Rog. Bacon: because I am promised to see som MS. of Bacon, which I will either buy or refuse, as I find by your answear, what those are of M<sup>r</sup> Worseley. M<sup>r</sup> Vice-chancelour will shewe yow a list of D. Rainolds<sup>3</sup> bookes, out of which I would pray yow to take a note of those that are not in the Librarie, howe many so[euer] they falle to be. For out of them we will select 40. for the Librarie, and for the rest it may be that the parties, to whose lotte they shall com, wilbe pleased to take others from me in exchange: which I hope will both stand with the will of the deceased, and with the good liking of his Executours. Heer-with I inclose an imperfection of one of your Lawe bookes, which I pray [yow] cause to be inserted in his place. If the Mart bookes com in any time, I hope to send yow more, then happely yow or others expect. My kindest salutations to your brother Edw. if he be in Oxon, or wheresoeuer he be, when yow write vnto him.

your most affectionat

Tho. Bodley

London. Iune [7] [1607].

I haue intreated the vicepresident of Corpus Christi College, to assist yow in the recouerie of those bookes of D. Rainolds to suche effect as I haue written wherin yow shall finde him very carefull.

I pray yow signifie to me, whether yow haue any of these in the Libr. Cor. Gemma de diuinis characterismis. Ad. Oconis Pharmacopoeia. B. Gordonij Lilium Medicinæ. Tricassi Chiromantia. Florianensis Vetus Bibliotheca. Medicina practica M. Rulandi. Eiusdem Appendix de Dosibus.

<sup>3</sup> He died on May 21, 1607, leaving by his will 40 books to the 'publike librarie of our University, first of all to be chosen by Syr Thomas Bodley, if I have so many fitt for that excellent woorke of his, wherewith it is not fur-

nished already', and the remainder of his books to various Oxford Colleges and friends. A list of his books and the names of the recipients under his will is in Wood D. 10. See Wood's *History*, ed. Gutch, vol. ii, pp. 293-95.

Sir,

## 159

SIR, There is but a part yet com of our Mart bookes, for which your number this Act will be the lesse. But those that I haue bought, shall be sent vnto yow out of hand. Of the China bookes, because I can not giue their titles, I haue written on euery volume the name of the giuer.<sup>1</sup> I pray yow in taking the titles of other bookes, be carefull to serche where more then one are bound in a volume, that none may escape yow. I haue written this morning to M<sup>r</sup> Vice-chancellour, and sent him a note of this yeres Contributours, giuing him further notice, of one hundred poundes, by Sir Edwin Sandys meanes, gotten to the Librarie. in what sort yow shall vnderstand, by that which I haue written vnto the Vicech. which will be imparted, as I suppose, to the next Conuocation. Heerincclosed I haue sent a list of the rest of my bookes, which I shall request yow, to cause to be copied, (with those that I conueied vnto yow the last weeke) by Sir Hales, vpon the Register. There are not enough, to answear the summe of this last hundred poundes,<sup>2</sup> but yet I thought fitte, to send as many as I had, and the rest with the next conueniencie. I thinke your brother<sup>3</sup> is this day sworn L. chief Iustice, and Sergeant Tounfield L. chief Baron, quod bonum faustu[m]que sit tibi & tuis. Whether yow haue sent for Iohn Smith the cheinemaker, or can be serued at Oxon by some other, I will see that your dis-

LETTER 159.—<sup>1</sup> Among the names are those of Sir Charles Danvers, Sir Francis Vere, and Dean Wood. See Macray, p. 422.

<sup>2</sup> From Sir C. Danvers. See Letter 165.

<sup>3</sup> Sir Thomas Fleming, on June 25, 1607. A letter written by James on April 1, 1600, is addressed 'from my lodginge at my brother Flemming's house'. Fleming married in 1570 Mary,

daughter of John James of Newport in the Isle of Wight, sister (or perhaps half-sister) of Thomas and Edward James. The Librarian dedicated to Fleming his edition of Wiclif's 'Two short treatises against the begging Friars', and states in this dedication that he owes his education at Winchester and New College to him, and expresses hopes of obtaining further advancement by his means. See Letter 204 and note.

boursment



boursment for cheining and fastning the greater volumes shall be discharged. Yow haue ioined with Dastin his Speculum Philosophiæ MS. som other of his workes, of which I pray yow send me the titles, because I haue at this present a booke of his offered vnto me to be bought. Nowe for answear to yours of this weeke, In that which yow haue written of your disboursments about the Librarie, I may by no meanes assent to pay for cleansing of the court beneath, or for bringing in the sande. For as the Vniuersitie paied for the sande so I doubt not but thei would haue paied for the bringing in of it, and likewise for the bolt to Exeter college doare, with som other impertinent charges: which yet for this time I will discharge, though thei be without my compasse, praing yow, that heerafter I may receaue a quarter note of suche expenses. In my letter to M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellor I haue intreated, that yow with the Executours of D. Reinolds (which is agreable to his will, vnles I had bin present) may choose the 40. bookes of his gift: and for the rest, which are not in the Librarie, I could wishe, if we may haue them, that they would either take other bookes in exchange of those which we haue double in the Librarie, or otherwise price them by som indifferent persons, and I will giue them ready mony for suche as yow and M<sup>r</sup> Principal and M<sup>r</sup> Allen shall like, to whome I will write, to take som paines in that behalf, if I may be first aduertised from yow whether course the Executours will admitte. Of those that yow haue sent in your greater catalogue, I knowe there be many already in the Libr. Which is all for the present,

your affectionat frind  
Tho. Bodley

June 24. [1607] London.

## 160

SIR, The letter heerinclosed I pray yow deliuer to the Vicechancellour, assoone as yow receaue it. The Oratour of the Vniuersitie<sup>1</sup> hath written it heere, to be sent as from the Vniuersitie to Sir Edwin Sandys.<sup>2</sup> Happely M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour will cause it to be read in Conuocation, when he shall impart my letter vnto them, which I sent the last weeke: at which time I writte in like maner to your self and sent yow by the Cariat this quarters rent with 20.<sup>sh</sup> ouer, for which and for som other pointes of my letter I desire to heare from yow. Yesterday I sent by barge a pipe and a hoggeshead of bookes, which will be deliuered at Barnes wharfe at Burcot before Munday next. And if yow send vpon Sunday to Ifeley a mile from Oxon by Couley, to one Iohn Smith a carter, directing him to Barnes, he will fetch the bookes vpon Munday. For the cariage I bargained to giue 5.<sup>sh</sup> and 1.<sup>sh</sup> to the bargemen, if the bookes were well caried, which I pray yow disbourse and for their cariage to Oxon, with other necessarie expenses, and vpon sight of your note, I will take order that yow shall receaue it againe presently. Vale, in hast.

your assured euer

Tho. Bodley

London. Iulie. 1. [1607].

## 161

SIR, I haue apostilled your former (for I haue neither the leasure, nor the will, to answeare your length with those iust complaintes, that I could) and presently vpon it I receaued your booke<sup>1</sup> and Catalogues: for which I thanke yow: hauing signified before thei

LETTER 160. —<sup>1</sup> Sir Isaac Wake, Public Orator 1604-21.

<sup>2</sup> By whose means Sir C. Danvers's gift of £100 had been obtained.

LETTER 161. —<sup>1</sup> The date of this

Letter is uncertain. If it is here rightly dated the book mentioned is probably James's work on the Canticles issued in July 1607.

came

came to my handes, my minde to Mr Gent, both touching Mr Buckley his bookes, and the doubles in the Librarie: to whome for the present I must referre yow, for that I haue not nowe the leasure, to runne ouer your Catalogues. I am glad to vnderstand that your double bookes in the Librarie are nothing so many, as heeretofore yow haue made men beleue, wherat I merueiled muche, sith it rather tended to the disgracing, then to any commendation of the Librarie. Which is all I can signifie for the present.

yours

Tho. Bodley

London Aug. 7. [1607].

## 162

SIR, Your letter found me heere at Fulham, where the wether<sup>1</sup> and way doth keepe me from London. But I haue sent a man of purpose, to gette your Gretser<sup>2</sup> of Io. Bille, and to send it by this cariar. It shalbe for the Librarie: and therefor if yow cause it to be bound in past, I will pay for the binding, and yow may place it there, to serue bothe your priuat and the publicke turne. Of those pamphlets left of D. Reinoldes bookes, I thinke there are diuers in the Libr. already (as among others I remember I sent to the last Act, Vita & Mors Iuelli) wherof I pray yow consider, that we nether take the same that we had before, nor euery riffe raffe,<sup>3</sup> of which kinde, I feare, yow shall also see many. As your leasure will permitte, I pray yow take a viewe of Iosephs<sup>4</sup> shoppe, and lette me haue a note, aswell of those bookes, that yow haue taken already of him, as of those that nowe yow may further choose, with the price of eche booke (which yow must make with him, and not trust to his asking) and with the title of eche booke, to ioine the yere, and the place where it was printed, as we are

LETTER 162.—<sup>1</sup> The winter of 1607–8 was of exceptionall severity.

<sup>2</sup> Probably vol. i of his *Controversiarum R. Bellarmini defensio*, published in 1607.

<sup>3</sup> See Letters 26, 34, 220 and note 1, 221.

<sup>4</sup> Joseph Barnes. See Letter 10 note.

accustomed :



accustomed: because they must be sette downe, among the bookes of the next act. If yow can not finde the meanes by some tradesman there, to procure your mony for this quarter (which yow must signifie vnto me) I will hearken heere after meanes, to conuey it otherwise: and so I recommend your welfare and actions to Gods special direction, & custodie.

your assured frind  
Tho. Bodley

Fulham. 17. Dec. [1607].

## 163

SIR, Your letter for your mony was slowly de[li]uered, and came as slowly to Fulham: for some of the letter porters, are too too careles of their duties. Yow had otherwise had your monies by the last. I will heerafter, if I can, seeke howe to finde, one continual tradesman, that will deliuer your mony euery quarter. But I should coniecture, that yow haue better meanes, to deale with some to that effect, in the place where yow are. I pray Sir, forgette not to vse the helpe of the Iewe, if he may be wonne vnto it, as by suche meanes, as Mr Principal shall find, I doe not doubt, but he may, that the titles of all your Hebrew bookes<sup>1</sup> may be aptly taken, and vnderstoode. If it would not growe to a volume ouergreat, either Richardus Armachanus would be printed with that of Wickliffe:<sup>2</sup> or otherwise good notes inserted out of that Manuscript, which hath not onely his sermons, before the Pope in Auenion, but all his maner of proceeding, with the mendicantes, by way of processe, which yow haue in the Librarie in f°. But I do not doubt, but yow will cast an eye vnto it, as I shall be gladde of this your worke to be published. I pray Sir, if there

LETTER 163.—<sup>1</sup> The projected Catalogue of Hebrew books in the Library is referred to in Letters 164, 182. Its approaching completion is mentioned in the Preface to the Bodleian Catalogue

of 1620. See *B. Q. R.*, vol. iii, pp. 144-46.

<sup>2</sup> James published early in 1608 'An apologie for Iohn Wickliffe' and also 'Two short treatises, against the order of Begging Friars'.

be any othe sette downe, in either of the Proctours bookes, that is to be ministred, to all that giue voice, in the election of the Proctours, lette me craue a transcript of it, with your next letter : for that I haue occasion, to make som vse of it.<sup>3</sup> And so I leaue yow, and commend yow, with your present endeouours to Gods special direction.

your euer assured

Fulham. Dec. 22. [1607].

Tho. Bodley.

I meane his 2. sermons before the Pope.

## 164

SIR, I returne yow by this cariar, your transcript of Wicliffe, which I haue read ouer more then once, & doe not find him inferiour, to Scotus in subtiltie. But muche is very obscure, by reason of your copie, which I perceauē, was either worne out of reading, or very ill written, to be read. I doe not doubt of that part, which yow purpose to publish, but yow take the opinion of your chiefest and most iudicial frindes. For whatsoeuer is printed vnder your name, in regard of the office and place that yow hold, will be thought to be the act of the whole Vniuersitie. I would be very willing, to impart my best aduise, whatsoeuer it is that yow haue in hand : but yow haue all sufficiencie there with yow, and it would be losse of time, to expect from hens, my censure of any thing. In any case endeuour, to gette the helpe of the Iewe, for the Hebrewe catalogue. For it can not be done without him, and either by your self, or by your frindes in autoritie, yow shall be able to procure, that for so short a time, his auditours wheresoeuer, will be willing to spare him, for so good

<sup>3</sup> In connexion with the Draft of Statutes for the Library which had been 'rudely conceaned' by June 30, 1608, but was not sent to the Vice-Chancellor till the autumn of 1609. The oath

therein appointed to be taken by the electors to the Keepership of the Library is to be 'like to that, which is yerely put in practise in the choice of the Proctours' (*Trecent. Bodl.*, p. 32).

a publike purpose. Thus wishing your happinesse, and hartes desire in all your actions, I commend yow for the present to Gods gracious tuition.

Fulham. Dec. vlt. [1607].

your euer assured frind  
Tho. Bodley.

## 165

**S**IR, God willing the next weeke, yow shall haue the remainder of Sir Char. Danuers bookes, with others besides: as withall I purpose to write to Sir Hales. I pray yow send me the seuerall prices of those two MS. of Mr Buckley, which yow doe value at 12.<sup>sh</sup> bothe together: also the place and the yere when Genebrard was printed: and whether he be in f<sup>o</sup>. or 4<sup>to</sup>. If yow can procure a perfitter note of suche Lawe bookes, as are wanting in the Librarie, lett me haue it assoone as yow can. And so I commend yow to God[s] good tuition.

From Lond. May. 26. [1608].

your assured frind  
Tho. Bodley.

## 166

**S**IR, To the end the gifte bookes of this yere, may be founde vpon the Register this Act, I haue heerewith sent yow the greatest part, some fewe remaining yet behinde, which yow shall haue the next weeke, or in time conuenient. I haue also taken suche order, as yow shall receaue your cheines before the Act. Heerewith is a letter to Sir Hales, which I pray yow be carefull to deliuer with the soonest, to the end he may goe forward, and register all at leisure. As for D. Reinoldes bookes, I pray yow deliuer the Catalogue vnto him,



him, with suche an Inscription prefixed, as is vsual. Withall I would request yow, to send me word, whether Sir Fra. Veres last gifte, were his third or fowerth.<sup>1</sup> Which is all at this present. I hope yow haue receaved my last weekes letter.

your assured frind

Tho. Bodley

London. Iune 1. [1608].

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SIR, My Lady Veres<sup>1</sup> request is, in the inscription to her gifte, after Vidua, that it should be sette downe, Et filia Io. Tracy deTuddington Militis: and if Sir Hales haue written it already, I could wishe that it might be put downe in the margine for her satisfaction. I pray yow send me the Title of Marianus Scotus: and learne, if yow can, the right writing of M<sup>r</sup> Broomes<sup>2</sup> name that gaue it, together with his surname. Which is all the present occasion of my writing, commending yow therupon to Gods special preservation.

your very assured

Tho. Bodley

[June 1608].

The next weeke, God willing, I will send yow downe my bookes, for which I could wishe that yow would by some meanes make it knownen to the cheine Smith, that about the end of this moneth yow shall haue neede of his cheines and his helpe.

LETTER 166.—<sup>1</sup> See Letter 151 and note. His donation of 1607 was his fourth.

William Hoby. The donation is entered under the latter name.

LETTER 167.—<sup>1</sup> Lady Vere, wife of Baron Vere of Tilbury, was widow of

<sup>2</sup> George Broome of Holton (Oxfordshire). The MS. is press-marked MS. Bodley 297.

Sir,

## 168

SIR, The Lady Vere doth like very well of that kinde of Inscription, that I sent vnto yow, as I make no doubt, but she liked of that other of D. Chenil, because she knewe not in what sort, I had dealt with others, whome for special considerations, I did not, as yow knowe, adorne with any titles:<sup>1</sup> which if I should vse in her gifte, happely others heerafter, and some benefactours gone before, would thinke themselues wronged. Heerewith I send yow a bille for your 9.<sup>li</sup> with the rest of the bookes that are to be registred: which shall all be sent, God willing, with the first barge the next weeke. There are other giuers of bookes, of which som haue giuen one, som two, and som 3. which shall all be sent together with the rest, but howe they shall be registred I will write vnto yow, when I write vnto the Vicechancellour, which shalbe when I send my bookes. The meane while I bidde yow hartely a dieu.

your faithfull frind  
Tho. Bodley

[Lon]don. Iune. 22. [1608].

## 169

SIR, I haue sent yow a drie fatte of bookes, which will be at Burcot vpon Munday or Tuesday next at the furthest. I pray yow conferre with M<sup>r</sup> Gent and M<sup>r</sup> Principal, about their conueiance from thens, and their placing safely in the Librarie. I will write to the Vicechancellour about it, with signification of all this yeres benefactours, but for that I heare, he will be at London very shortly, it may be that my letter shall be deliuered there vnto him, or els written to him and to his Deputie in his absence, and directed vnto yow to be deliuered. It were well that yow would sette downe D. Kinges name,

LETTER 168.—<sup>1</sup> Noblemen were at first entered in the Donations'-register under the family name. Titles were added subsequently.

vpon

vpon the bookes or booke<sup>1</sup> that he hath giuen: which is the course that I haue taken, in all single gifte bookes, vnles they were of special value.<sup>2</sup> Vpon all other single bookes I haue don it myself. M<sup>r</sup> Clement Edmundes his Cabala<sup>3</sup> in Hebrewe, which I shewed yow written in a great parchement, table wise, I could not packe vp with my bookes, without danger of marring: for which I will send it yow by the cariar the next weeke, till when I bidde very hartely a Dieu.

your assured frind

Tho. Bodley.

Fulham. Iune vlt<sup>o</sup>. [1608].

Sins the writing of the former part of this letter, I thought it best, to send the inclosed<sup>4</sup> vnto yow, to be deliuered to D. King, or in his absence to his Substitut, for that, if he chaunce to com hither, I knowe not howe long he may remaine. But yet, it doth not greatly import, whether it be read in Conuocation, if there be any, before his returne, or kept for him to doe it at his leasure: which I doe referre (and I pray yow so signifie) to his deputies consideration. I pray yow adde in the margine to M<sup>r</sup> Tho. Allens former gift, the gifte of his Greeke MS.<sup>5</sup> For though it were purloined from your College, we had not had it now, but by his gifte

## 170

SIR, I had forgotten in my last to signifie vnto yow, that I agreed with the Bargeman, that caried my bookes, for 4<sup>sh</sup>. I hope they arriued in safetie, notwithstanding your fluddes, which seeme to me so strange as may be, considering yow had so litle raine. If M<sup>r</sup> Allen be pleased (for the gifte was his) I shall like very well, that an other

LETTER 169.—<sup>1</sup> MS. Bodley 693, a first recension of Gower's *Confessio amantis*. It is mentioned as a 'very special good booke' in Bodley's letter to the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. King, Dean of Ch. Ch., who was the donor.

<sup>2</sup> See Letter 36, note 2.

<sup>3</sup> Now MS. Hunt. Adds. E.

<sup>4</sup> The letter is printed in Hearne's *Joannis Glaston. chronica*, pp. 631-33.

<sup>5</sup> Now Auct. E. 4. 9. See also Letter 23, note 3.



booke might be giuen in exchaunge, albeit I doe not thinke (as yow write) that we had the same before : vnles it be a part of the great manuscript of Sir Io. Fortescue, wherof I stand in doubt. As for clippes and wires, I pray yow prouide all there : and if yow sp[ea]ke to] M<sup>r</sup> Gent, he will see yow furnished of mony. By this cariar yow shall receaue M<sup>r</sup> Edmundes gifte, which is a Cabala of the Iewes, to be put with in the grated shelues, till I send yow word, howe it shall be vsd : which I will doe very shortly, and send yow the writing of the Scotte that copied it out of the kinges Librarie in Paris. I could not send it in the drie fatte, for feare of being spitt with the weight of bookes. Thus muche in hast.

your assured frind

Tho. Bodley.

London. Iuly. 6. [1608].

The Cabala is in a long rolle, with paper about it, directed to yow. the cariage is paid for

I pray yow caused [*sic*] the inclosed letter to be safely deliuered.

## 171

SIR, I pray yow send me worde by your next Munday cariar, howe many foote yow find between the walle as yow enter into the diuinitie schoole, fast by the doore, and the walle without next the grate : likewise between the side walle of the schoole, and the walle that doth compasse the schoole, next to the towne walle. Take your measure from the walle of the schoole, & not from the butteresses.<sup>1</sup> I pray yow likewise in your next, to send me worde, what quantitie of Cheines were brought or sent by the smith to the Act, and whether he were paid for them : and who disboursed any thinge for

LETTER 171.—<sup>1</sup> The measurements were required with a view to the extension of the Library, afterwards effected by the addition of Arts End. The list of accessions to the Library pre-

served in MS. Bodley 510 indicates that the octavo volumes had already more than filled the shelves in the West-End Gallery.

clippes

clippes or wire. Where yow writte in your last, that order was taken for a letter vnto me from the Vniuersitie, in answer of that which I sent to the Act,<sup>2</sup> I haue neither seene, nor heard of any yet. As touching the gaining of more rowme, for the placing of your bookes, yow shall knowe my opinion er be long, as likewise of the change of the tables and Catalogues that hang at the headdes of the Deskes. In the meane[while] I salute yow most hartely.

your very assured

Tho. Bodley

Fulham Aug. 23. [1608].

172

SIR, Your self are the first, that hath told me the reason of your absence or silence: and I am glad of your returne, as also of the danger, that yow and your wife haue so happely escaped. I am very well satisfied for the measures, betweene one walle, and the other, desiring onely to knowe, whether yow meane the outside of the inner walle, to the inne side of the outward and compassing walle. I pray yow send me a copie of the Indenture betweene Baliol College<sup>1</sup> and the Vniuersitie, & I will pay for the copieng, as I will for your clippes and other disboursments, if there be any, when yow send me a note. I shall request yow, to take the paines, to moue Mr Vice-chancellour, that I may haue a copie of the licence of Mortmaine,<sup>2</sup> which I procured for the Vniuersitie: and I pray yow send it me,

<sup>2</sup> See Letter 169, note 4. The letter had contained references to the endowment of the Library and also to the preparation of the Statutes.

LETTER 172.—<sup>1</sup> The land on which the Divinity School stands was given to Balliol College in 1317–18. The University still pays the College a quit-rent on this account. See H. W. C. Davis,

*Balliol College*, p. 18.

<sup>2</sup> Dated June 20, 1604. MS. Wood F. 27 contains a transcript of the Licence endorsed in Bodley's handwriting, 'Copie of my licence of mortmaine for the Vniuersitie'. Sir Thomas Lake received the thanks of Convocation on Dec. 16, 1605, for his assistance in procuring the licence (Reg. Conv. Ma, fol. 91).

with

with your soonest opportunitie. I am told that my L. of Chichester<sup>3</sup> and Rochester<sup>4</sup> were in the Librarie: but what thei didde or saied, I doe not vnderstand, and yow tell me nothing: though I desire to knowe it, for many respectes. About the Catalogues what I purpose, assoone as I resolute, yow shall be the first, to whome I will impart it. But it is a point that dependes on other resolutions, which can not be taken, so soone as I would. Thus beseeching God, to free the Vniuersitie from this contagion, and prosper your welfare to your hartes desire, I bidde yow a dieu.

your euer assured frind

Tho. Bodley

Fulham. Aug. 30. [1608].

Your Index Expurgatorius I haue and will send it shortly.

I pray yow send me word, howe highe the walle is in the Librarie, from the floure, no part of the roof accounted, but the white walle onely on the sides.

## 173

SIR, according to your direction, I haue sent your quarters pay, and withall your 13<sup>s</sup>. 4<sup>d</sup>. to Marius:<sup>1</sup> whose acquittance is heere inclosed: I haue formerly receaued the transcriptes of your writings which I requested to see, for which I thanke yow very hartely. And for my resolution, about a newe kinde of placing of the bookes in the Librarie, it is not yet so ripe, that I can sette it afoote. But yow shall be the first, with whome I will acquaint it. The Romishe Index expurgatorius I send yow by the cariar, with my very best wishes to your welfare.

your euer assured

Tho. Bodley.

Fulham. Sept. 29. [1608].

<sup>3</sup> Lancelot Andrewes, who was transferred to Ely in 1609.

<sup>4</sup> Richard Neile, elected July 2, 1608, transferred to Lichfield in 1609.

LETTER 173.—<sup>1</sup> Dominus Marius,

Librarius Londoniensis, appears from a letter addressed to James by Jan Gruter, a copy of which is in MS. Ballard 44, to have been engaged in transcribing MSS. for the Library at Heidelberg.



I had almost forgotten to tell yow, that I haue bin informed, that the Bishop of Chichester was very desirous to haue seene the Greeke councils: which were, as he saied, but newly printed:<sup>2</sup> but whether they be so or no, I shall not knowe, till I speake with Io. Bille wishing notwithstanding, that I had bin by yow aduertised of it.

174

SIR Henry Sauile hath special occasion, for a time, to vse the MS. Epistles of Nazianzen, which are in the grated rowmes. I pray yow deliuer what he shall require, vpon a note of his hand: but keepe it to your self, lest it goe for a presedent. For happely som others will seeke the like fauour, as neither can nor will deserue it so well as Sir Henry, whose affection to the stoaring and preseruing of the Librarie, I knowe to be singular. Vale

your assured frind

Tho. Bodley

London Oct. 20. 1608.

175

SIR, Your letter mette me being booted to goe fourth of London: yet my hast was not suche, but that I thought it fitte to lette yow vnderstand, that the newe disposition of the bookes in the Librarie doth depend vpon an other resolution of mine, which I will impart heerafter vnto yow, when I shall haue taken a full determination. As touching the globes<sup>1</sup> the vse of them there is very small, and I am fully perswaded within two or three yeres they will be very litle worthe: for which I could be contented they should be

<sup>2</sup> *Concilia generalia ecclesie Catholice Pauli V auctoritate edita*, of which the first volume was published at Rome in 1608.

LETTER 175.—<sup>1</sup> See Letter 6 and note 5.

sold,

sold, and I will imploy the mony in bookes for the Librarie. Wher-upon I would request yow, to essay what wilbe giuen, and to aduertise me of it. If that conference of the fathers<sup>2</sup> may be conueniently perfourmed within the Librarie it self, I will willingly assent vnto it: otherwise the president of lending or carieng out any bookes, yow knowe is full of danger and preiudice vnto the Librarie: for which I will neuer hearken to it, and therefor I request yow to concurre with me in that regard, wherewith I commend yow to God[s] gracious keeping.

your very assured frind  
Tho. Bodley

London. Dec. 1. [1608].

## 176

SIR, As I am persuaded, there are not very many, that would vse the globes: & if there were, I thinke within 3. or 4. yeres, they would be so slurred, as I should be forced, to renewe them still: which would proue, er be long, a weerisom charge. Besides, there is no fitting place in the Librarie, to haue accesse vnto them: so that all thinges considered, I could wishe they were made away, and the mony for which they may be solde, shall either in bookes, or some other sort, be conferred on the Librarie. Howbeit I shall request yow, to conferre therin with M<sup>r</sup> Gent, and to shewe him this letter, folowing his aduise for the price, and in euery thing els, which I knowe he will impart very willingly vnto yow. The[y] cost me very neere 20<sup>li</sup>. in regard of the extraordinarie guilding and limming that was bestowed vpon them: but I must take what men will giue, and therin I pray yow take the best course; commending yow the while, to Gods special tuition.

your very ass. frind  
Tho. Bodley.

Dec. 14. [1608].

<sup>2</sup> See Letter 149, note 1.

## 177

SIR, I haue paied M<sup>r</sup> Baden 9<sup>li</sup>. and haue sent yow his bille inclosed heerin. I perceauē by M<sup>r</sup> Gent, that many students are suitours, to haue the globes reserued, wherunto I will yelde, because many doe request it, albeit in my opinion thei serue to slender purpose. For it is wholly inconuenient, that any should vse them in the closets: and without, there is no rowme. Your deuise for a Librarie for the yonger sort,<sup>1</sup> will haue many great exceptions, & one of special force, That there must be an other keeper ordeined for that place. And where yow mention the yonger sort, I knowe what bookes should be bought for them, but the elder aswell [as] the yonger, may haue often occasion to looke vpon them: and if there were any suche, they can not require so great a rowme. In effect, to my vnderstanding there is muchē to be saied against it, as vndoubtedly your self will readily finde, vpon further consideration. I haue intreated M<sup>r</sup> Gent to impart a plotte vnto yow, which I haue sette downe for the lengthning of the Librarie, wherof I haue conceaued a special liking, albeit I will doe nothing without my frindes approbation. Wherewith I commend yow to Gods gracious tuition.

your assured frind

Fulham. Dec. 20. [1608].

Tho. Bodley.

## 178

SIR, I make no doubt, but this offer of my L. of Canterbury,<sup>1</sup> will proue a ready steppe to your further preferment: which I wishe as hartely vnto yow, as yow can wishe vnto your self: and as

LETTER 177.—<sup>1</sup> See *B. Q. R.*, vol. ii, p. 18. James appears to have suggested that the proposed new addition to the Library should contain a special library for the use of Students of Arts.

to James by John Childerley, the Archbishop's Chaplain, dated Feb. 3, 1608 (? 1608<sup>g</sup>), of which a transcript is in MS. Ballard 44, states that 'My Lord Grace of Canterbury hath acknowledged you his chaplaine'.

occasion



occasion shall be presented, when I shall talke with his Grace, I will not faile to giue a pushe, to the furthering of that wheele. As touching the reparing of the Register booke, because it shall not be long, before I viewe it myself, I differ to take order vntill then: as also then I will acquaint yow with all my purposes and proiectes, about the enlargement of the Librarie: which would require by writing a more tedious relation, then my vrgent affaires, will affourde me time to deliuer. But in good season, God willing, all shall be told yow, to your full contentation. For I will nether resolue, nor yet after proceede without your liking: praieng yow the while, to assist this bearer Benson to take the full suruey of all dimensions of the Librarie, with of [*sic*] the places about it, which is in effect all his errand thither: and so I rest

your assured in affection

Tho. Bodley

Fulham 23. Mar. [1609].

## 179

SIR, I pray yow send me worde, whether among Albertus magnus his workes yow haue his Summa: & whether in Occhams yow finde his Quodlibets, & his tract vpon the Master of the Sentences. I haue sundrie thinges to impart besides, which are better done by worde of mouth at my comming to Oxon, which, if God lend me life & health, shalbe at the Act. Vpon tuesday there dined with me heere at Fulham the Archbishop of Cant. & the Bishops of London & Lichefield: where the Bish. of Lichef. D. Abbat<sup>t</sup> intreated the Arch. & the other to bestowe a prebend vpon yow, which he vrged in your behalf very frindly and kindly: wherof yow shall doe well to take notice, & to thanke him accordingly, vpon this intelligence giuen by me. The Arch. was very willing to hearken to it, &

LETTER 179.—<sup>1</sup> George Abbot, successively Dean of Winchester, Bishop of Lichfield (1609), of London (1610), and Archbishop of Canterbury (1611).

promised

promised to doe what in him lay, if any fell in his gifte, hauing onely the bestowing of fower or fiue prebendes, as it seemed by his speeches: but both he and the Bishop of Lich. were earnest for yow with the Bish. of London, who hath not so fewe as thirtie prebendes in his gifte, and hath promised to remember yow: wherof I will put him in minde, as occasion shalbe offered, againe, hauing recommended your estate to all their cares, in this parley, with the best wordes I could, which nowe I recommend to Gods blessed tuition.

your affectionat frind

Tho. Bodley.

Fulham. Iune 16. [1609].<sup>2</sup>

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SIR, Assoone as yow can with good conueniencie, I pray yow put on your bootes, and com to me to London or Fulham: & then yow shall finde by prooffe in your self, that though your attendance hath bin long, and your patience great, yet in space commeth grace, and all your tolerance in the end, will be richely requited. For I am greatly deceaued, if Posseuin<sup>1</sup> your opposit, euery thing respected, be fitted so well, for the state of his liuing, as yow are like to be,<sup>2</sup> God willing. But vntill yow com vnto me, I will tell yow no more, lest yow surfait with ioye. Finde no fault with my shortnesse, while yow finde it so sweete. Written with the priuitie and pleasure of my Lord of Canterb. to whome yow owe more, then to all the frindes yow haue aliue.

your euer assured

Tho. Bodley.

Fulham. Oct. 25. [1609].

<sup>2</sup> The only year in which Abbot was Bishop of Lichfield.

LETTER 180.—<sup>1</sup> Antonio Possevino, author of numerous theological works. James's *Romish corruptions* was an answer

to Possevino and Gretser.

<sup>2</sup> James was presented to the rectorship of Midley in Kent by the Archbishop of Canterbury on Nov. 11, 1609.

## 181

SIR, I was not made acquainted by any frind of yours, with your suddaine departure: neither did I knowe, before the very day, that I spake with M<sup>r</sup> Claiton, that yow were departed. But your occasion, I see, was very vrgent, and the sight of your letter vpon it, doth giue me full satisfaction. Howbeit the truth is, I reserued many maters, to be imparted vnto yow, before yow went from hens, which I would not communicat, before all your other buisnesses had bin ended to your minde: whiche nowe I will deliuer, as occasion shall be offered, by peece meale heerafter. Whatsoeuer yow shall send to my Lordes grace, or to my Lord of Lichefilde,<sup>1</sup> I my self, God willing, will deliuer very carefully, and adde all the grace that my abilitie can giue it, or yow can expect from a true affected frind. And so yow may account, in whatsoeuer els yow shall haue cause, to make vse of my frindship.

your euer assured

Tho. Bodley

Fulham. Dec. 7. [1609].

## 182

SIR, I haue sent yow backe your bookes & letters, with my answers and notes to the most material pointes: which was not so needefull vnto all, because they carie their answer, vpon the first viewe, and because I am resolved, to allowe whatsoeuer is founde fitting by the Delegates, in euery clause & statut: to which effect I haue written to M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour, aduertising onely my desire, that when their draught is fully perfitted, and put into Latin, they would impart it vnto me, before they doe giue it their publike

LETTER 181.—<sup>1</sup> See Letter 179, notes.

establishment.



establishment. I pray yow remember M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour, to acquaint the Vniuersitie, in their next Conuocation, with Sir Tho. Smithes<sup>1</sup> gift to the Librarie, & likewise, (in case yow thinke it requisit) for the assuming of D. Budden into the number of the Delegates.<sup>2</sup> I would also request yow, to learne that parties minde, that promised 5<sup>li</sup>. to the Librarie, that if he persist in his promise, I may accordingly make choise of his bookes. In any wise forgette not, to procure an exact catalogue to be taken of all the Hebr. bookes in the Librarie, sith yow haue, as yow told me, so sufficient a scholler to performe it. Vale.

your euer assured frind  
Tho. Bodley.

Fulham. Feb. 26. [1610].

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SIR, The mony dewe vnto yow was paid the last weeke, as yow may see by the inclosed: which I would then haue signified, & also made answeare to your former letters, but that my weaknesse was suche, sins mine ague left me, as I founde my self vnfitte for any kinde of buisnesse. Howbeit I thanke God, I recouer my self by litle & litle. Your intended worke about the fathers, shall want no helpe that I can yelde: but yet it had bin fitte, that before your departure from London,<sup>1</sup> we might haue had some conference about it. For if

LETTER 182.—<sup>1</sup> Sir Thomas Smith bequeathed 20 marks and a mathematical instrument in 1609.

<sup>2</sup> For the consideration of the Statutes. An outline of Statutes written by Bodley before 1602 is in MS. Wood F. 27 (see *B. Q. R.*, vol. iii, pp. 119-21). In his letter of Mar. 27, 1602, to the Vice-Chancellor, Bodley had proposed to delay the provision of a body of Statutes for one year, the regulations relating to the older University Libraries being in the meantime observed. His Draught of Statutes

was submitted to Convocation on Oct. 27, 1609, when Delegates were appointed for their consideration. Dr. Budden was on Mar. 26, 1610, added to the Delegates for the translation of Bodley's Draught into Latin. The Statutes were passed on June 12, 1610, and an Appendix of new regulations was added in November 1613.

LETTER 183.—<sup>1</sup> It appears from a letter in MS. Ballard 44, pp. 94, 95, that James was in London in March 1610.

yow

yow shall determine to borowe those houres, for your absence from the Librarie, which are required there by statut, it will neither be for the dignitie of the Vniuersitie, nor for the credit of the Librarie, to be serued by an vnderlinge, specially for so long, as your buisnesse shall require. And howsoever at first in the infancie of the Librarie,<sup>2</sup> I haue by way of conniuecie spared a booke for a very short space to Sir H. Sauile, who is like to becom, a very great benefactour to that place, it may not now be by any meanes, the statutes being made, be putte in practise any more, for him or any other, vpon any occasion whatsoever. For it can not but seeme absurd & a very mere mockerie, that a carefull prouider for good orders & statutes, should becom [the] first breaker of the chiefest constitutions. And though the reasons may be weightie, that should moue yow to request it, yet the reasons are weightier, that should cause the denial. For still the like may be alleaged, in other cases heerafter, to the abuse of all good order, & totall ruine of the Librarie. For suche kinde of precedents, in mine owne time in special, will be held for authentical, & drawe after many other very dangerous inconueniences. For which I must intreat yow, to consider of it better, and to contriue your buisnesse in suche sort, as there may neede no dispensation: which, if yow hadde imparted these maters vnto me, before your departure, (which I meruaile yow would not) we might perhaps by good conference haue plotted well enough. For these six weekes, I haue still kept my house, and neither seene the L. of Canterburie, nor any other frindes abroad. Thus much at this time, with my special commendations.

your very assured friend  
Tho. Bodley.

Fulham. 30. Mar. [1610].

<sup>2</sup> Books had already been lent to Savile on two occasions, the second of these being on Oct. 20, 1608, and three

other books were afterwards lent to him. See Letter 196 and note 2.

## 184

SIR I thanke yow for your so particular aduertisment of the D. of Brunswikes<sup>1</sup> interteinment. As yet I haue no newes of his beneficence to the Librarie: neither am I assured of his returne to the Court. But when it shall be performed, I will not omitte to procure fitte thankes from his Grace, & to bethinke me besides, what other complement may be requisit: as also it may be, if of himself, he doe not calle to minde his promise vnto yow, it shall be moued vnto him, by som other then my self. As the Delegates haue resolued, there shalbe a Porter<sup>2</sup> for the Libr. but first their statutes would be seene astouching his charge, & the place would be knowen, where they would assigne him to sitte: which I hope they will determine, with the rest of the statutes: & vntill that, & some other thinges be done, there wilbe no suche neede of hastie naming any porter. I haue nowe resolued vpon the enlargement of the Librarie, & to sette it presently a foote, hauing therewith acquainted the Vice-chancellour already, and in part agreed with Merton college mason,<sup>3</sup> who hath put me in good hope, that by Michaelmas com twelue moneth the whole shall be finished. I pray yow send me the name of him that promised 5<sup>li</sup>. more to the Librarie, (of whome Mr Price

LETTER 184.—<sup>1</sup> The Duke of Brunswick came to England in March 1610, according to report with a view to marriage with Princess Elizabeth (Nichols's *Progresses*, vol. ii, p. 290). A congratulatory volume of Latin verses was addressed to him by members of New College. There is no record of a donation to the Library.

<sup>2</sup> See Letter 50, note 4.

<sup>3</sup> John Acroyde, of Halifax, architect and builder of the southern extension of Merton College in this year, was chief

builder of Arts End extension. John Bentley, of York, was also employed on the work and subsequently in building the new Schools. Acroyde died in September 1613, and Wood (*City of Oxford*, ed. Clark, vol. iii, pp. 120, 121) mentions a monumental inscription to him on which he is described as 'cheif builder of the Schools'. Bentley died on Dec. 3, 1615, and is described as 'novae partis bibliothecae novarumque scholarum architectus peritissimus' (Wood, vol. iii, p. 175).

sent



sent me worde a great while sins) hauing bin a former benefactour. I would also knowe from whome & by what meanes, I shall receaue his beneuolence, to the end his bookes may be bought & sent with the rest that I send this Act. Vale

your very assured frind

Tho. Bodley

Fulham. 16. May [1610].

## 185

SIR, I send yow nowe, the Catalogues of suche bookes as haue bin giuen: & I hope M<sup>r</sup> Hales will be with yow very shortly, to write them downe on the Register. For I haue dealt to that effect, bothe with himself, & with Sir Hen. Sauile. Together with the Catalogues, I haue sent yow 2. sheetes, to perfect one of your bookes, which yow will finde out by the title. Besides I hope within this seuenight all my bookes shall be with yow. For I doe but expect conueniencie of cariage. The Catalogue of Deane Wooddes bookes, I haue sent a part from the rest, praieng yow to reserue it loose as it is in the Register booke, & not to write them downe vpon the Register till I send the rest of his bookes heerafter. For I can not yet meete with bookes sufficient, to the value of his gifte, being one hundred markes, neither is the mony as yet paid. But therof there is no doubt, and I would haue them registred all together, lest these alone being registred, it should be thought, there were no more to come. The rest besides his, yow will cause to be registred by M<sup>r</sup> Hales, when he comes. Sir Tho. Smithes mathematical instrument, I am determind to send by M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour himself, when he returneth. Wherewith I bidde yow nowe a Dieu.

your euer assured

Tho. Bodley.

Iune 19. [1610].

I haue added to my Catalogues the names of suche as haue contributed any thing towards the building of my newe enlargement of the Librarie: which I pray yow cause to be registred in some place towards the end of the Register booke, where your self shall thinke fitte.

There wanteth a volume of Piscatours Bible in Dutche, which the Interpreters<sup>1</sup> heere haue borrowed of me: but it wilbe restored and sent vnto yow before the Act.

186

SIR, I had no sooner written the inclosed, but I receaued yours of the 18.<sup>1</sup> & when I shall haue perused your statutes, & other thinges which yow note, which I haue not yet receaued from M<sup>r</sup> Vicech. I will write yow my opinion, with thankes the meane season, for your care in my behalf, in all those affaires. Howe yow may be spared out of the Librarie, for that Collation of the fathers, which yow haue vndertaken, I can not readily tell, in regard it is a libertie, that must be vsed many yeres, which will also diuert your chief cogitations, from intending the good & bettering of the Librarie: but if it could be practised, without any loane of those houres, I should be right gladde, being fully persuaded, that while your function is performed, by a Deputie keeper,<sup>2</sup> for so long a time together, it will preiudice exceedingly the state of the Librarie, & those that shall frequent it: which no doubt will occasion a present complaint, & therewithall will require a present redresse. And though the worke that yow intend be muche to be respected, &

LETTER 185.—<sup>1</sup> One of the Committees engaged in the preparation of the Authorised version of the Bible.

LETTER 186.—<sup>1</sup> i. e. after Letter 185 was written Bodley received a letter from James sent by the carrier who left Oxford

on Monday and reached London on Tuesday.

<sup>2</sup> The Under-Keeper was not considered competent to take charge of the Library in the Keeper's absence. See Letter 108, note 5.

likewise

likewise furthered vijs & modis, yet if it can not be folowed, without inconuenience to the vse of the Librarie, I shall neuer be wonne, to allowe of your absence. There is one Thomas Cooke Vnderbutler of Magdalene College, that hath made meanes vnto me, for the porters place, whome I purpose to elect, & appoint to beginne at Michaelmas next, hoping he will giue yow very good contentation. According to your letter, I haue paied the partie in Woodstreete 9<sup>li</sup>. & sent yow his acquittance heerewith, and therewithall my best wishes to your health & welfare

your truly affected frind

Tho. Bodley

London. Iunij. 19. [1610].

## 187

SIR, I haue sent M<sup>r</sup> Gent your former letter to the end yow may reuiue it, & theruppon consider vpon the cause of my complaint. The very same thing that yow desire, that it should be imputed for an honour vnto me, that I haue giuen as muche furtherance to your worke, as may conueniently stand with the good estate of the Librarie, I doe likewise desire in your behalf, that it might turne yow to credit, hauing taken vpon yow suche a charge, as the custodie of suche a Librarie, to haue laied your plotte in suche wise, as both yow may be able to execut your office, & yet withall vndergoe the burden of a worke of so singular moment. Which I knowe no reason but yow may, if yow would be as carefull in prouiding for the benefitte & good estat of the Librarie, as your minde is wholly bent to the aduancing of that worke. For sith it is so, as I vnderstand by M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour, that there are but 4. houres in the day assigned, for your collation of the fathers, & but six more required for your presence in the Librarie, I can not any way conceaue, why yow should not be able to contriue your buisnesse so, as bothe turnes may be serued, without giuing any place to so grosse an absurditie,

as



as the infringing of the Vniuersitie statutes, so needfully & newly deuised & confirmed. But heerof when I com to conferre at Oxon with yow: which I purpose, God willing, about the 1. of August, to the full satisfaction of your self & of your consort,<sup>1</sup> without any impechement to your intended Collation. That there should be suche defectes in that booke of statutes, as yow haue giuen out, I can hardly beleue, & either yow are not excusable for that yow did not impart them to the Delegates, or they were inconsiderat in suffering suche imperfections to passe without amendement.<sup>2</sup> And yet it is not ouer late to resume the booke againe, & to reforme what is amisse. Yow write me not a worde of the bookes sent to Burcotte, nor whether Mr Hales be com vnto yow, nor of any thing pertinent to the Librarie affaires, which I see for example is a part of that fruite which your other buisnesses will produce to the preiudice of the Librarie. Which I leaue till we meete to your redresse, & your self & your actions to Gods gracious conduct.

your assured frind  
Tho. Bodley.

Fulham. Iul. 5. [1610].

## 188

SIR, The bearer heerof Iosippus Barbatus was borne at Memphis in Ægypt, and commeth recommended from the L. of Canterburie, to Mr Vicechancelour, to the end he might reade the Arabian tongue in Oxon, which is natural to him: as withall he speaketh Frenche, and Italian very readily: also Latin well enough, to explicat his

LETTER 189.—<sup>1</sup> i. e. those associated with James in the work of collation.

<sup>2</sup> Additional Statutes were added in November 1613. Bodley appears to have considered the Statutes inoperative pending their revision. In Letter 196 he speaks of the Statutes as not being

'fully confirmed', and in Letter 209 writes 'If your statutes were fully confirmed, the election [of a new Under-Keeper] should be yours', although the Statutes definitely gave the Keeper the right to appoint the Under-Keeper. See also Letter 231.

minde : being likewise, as I ghesse, of a kinde and honest disposition. I would be glad to vnderstand, that he might be prouided of a competent intertainment, to keepe him in Oxon, lest Cambridge should endeouour, as I make account they would, to drawe him vnto them. I pray yow vse your owne credit & mine, where yow thinke yow may preuaile (for I haue no leasure at this present, to write to more then your self) to further his desire, whome I thinke a smalle mater will content at the first : which may heerafter be increased, according to the profit, which his auditours may reape : wherewith I take my leaue, recommending your welfare, to Gods gracious preseruacion.

your euer assured

Tho. Bodley.

London. Aug. 14. [1610].

## 189

SIR, I did not take so great a pleasure, to heare that my workman had found out a bottome, where he founde the first hole, as It griueth me againe, that he should be troubled with a seconde, & what others may folowe, it may be doubted very muche. But howsoeuer, we must goe thorowe with it now, & take this hard beginning<sup>1</sup> for a signe of successe that will falle out more pleasing. The meane while, I shall request yow, as occasion is offered, to lette me knowe from time to time, howe my workman doth proceede, & what yow thinke vpon besides, wherof it may be needefull for me to take notice. I would also pray yow at your leasure, to send me by the cariar those 2. volumes of Piscatour his Dutche Bible, that I sent yow last, hauing heere the third. For I remember yow told me, that yow had that Bible before. They would be packed vp in paper, & so deliuered to the carier for their cleaner cariage, to the end Io. Bill

LETTER 189.—<sup>1</sup> The first stone of of the laying of the stone at 10.30 a.m.  
Arts End was laid on July 19, 1610. when Sol entered Caniculus!  
Brian Twyne has preserved a horoscope

may take them againe. I would lastly intreat yow to aduertise, what course hath bin taken, about the reuiew of the Librarie statutes, & to commend me most kindly to your self.

your faithfull frind

Tho. Bodley.

London. Aug. 15. [1610].

190

SIR, Of those affaires of my newe building, I am aduertised from M<sup>r</sup> Brent<sup>1</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> Gent, to the same effect as from your self, being gladd that my courses are so pleasing to the Delegates, as yow & they haue signified. The bookes that yow returned, are safely deliuered. I am to lette yow vnderstand, that the Venetian Ambassadour<sup>2</sup> is to take his iorney for Oxford to morowe, and I thinke will be there on Friday night. The chieftest cause of his going is to see the Librarie, where, if yow shall thinke it good, & it stand with the liking of M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour (who shalbe aduertised of it from Sir Dudley Carleton) it will not doe amisse, that yow bidde him welcom your self, with som compendious speech when he commeth to the Librarie: which I referre to your owne discretion, & your welfare & health to Gods long preservation.

your very assured frind

Tho. Bodley.

Fulham. 22. Aug. [1610].

I pray yow alwaies, as any thing shall happen, about my newe building, worth the writing or admonishing, to signifie the same: for that I am desirous, to doe all in suche sort, as neere as I can, as my doinges may passe with litle or no exception.

LETTER 190. — <sup>1</sup> Nathaniel Brent,  
afterwards Warden of Merton College.

<sup>2</sup> Sir Henry Wotton.

Sir,



## 191

SIR, I vnderstood it before, by word of mouth from M<sup>r</sup> Gent, as nowe, I thanke yow by letter from your self, that my Librarie workes goe happely foreward : which is one of my greatest wor[l]dly cares. My Mason for his monies, hath bin hitherto supplied, vpon the sight of any letter sent from M<sup>r</sup> Brent (as namely the very last weeke) who I hope will continue his frindly care, to aduertise when-soeuer he shall stand in any want, as I haue bin & am ready to see him furnished presently. To that which yow signifie of the doore to be made towards Excetter college, as when I was in Oxon I was vtterly against it, so I see no reason yet to alter my minde. For sith thei haue an other doare, at the westend of the Librarie, I must repute it in truth an exorbitant request, to desire an other in that place, which will be full of inconuenience, for many respectes. And so muche I haue praied M<sup>r</sup> Gent to make knowen : holding it sufficient that my mason make his passage in the walle towards Brasennose. I thank yow hartely for Iosippo,<sup>1</sup> and for all your other special cares, aswel in aduertising what passeth in my workes, as in aduising for the best, wherin I would intreat yow, as occasion shalbe offered, to impart your minde in like maner, to M<sup>r</sup> Gent & M<sup>r</sup> Brent : & so for the present I commend yow to God.

your euer assured

Tho. Bodley

Fulham. Sept. 7. [1610].

LETTER 191.—<sup>1</sup> Probably Josippus Barbatus, of whom Wood gives some account in his *Fasti*, *sub anno* 1603. See Letter 188.

## 192

SIR, I send yow Philipsons acquittance heerinclosed. The mony was paid, as I promised, on Friday, and my seruant requested Philipson, to certifie Iackson of it, to the end yow might haue had it, albeit I writte not: but I see it was omitted. Some times, to tell yow the truth, many letters from my frindes, come hudling together from Oxon, & they com so late to my handes, by reason of my being at my house in Fulham, as I haue not the leasure, to answer them all, before the carriars departure: which makes me oftentimes to deale with yow, as with some others, that when the principal subiect of your letter, is the same in effect, that is written by some other, I doe pray that frind, to read my answer to yow, & so to satisfie himself: & then to seale & conuey my letter to yow. To your motion made about the Porter, I did not then answer, when yow writte vnto me, for that I held it time enough at Michaelmas, sith it was not of suche moment, that it needed forewarning. But nowe I pray yow calle him to yow, & acquaint him with that, which yow would haue him performe. For my meaning is, that he shall presently enter vpon his place, and folowe your directions, in all that shall concerne the doing of his office. It puttes me in a dumpe, that my mason hauing laied but one onely course of mulleted worke, he should complaine so soone of the badnesse of the stone, & vn-handsomnesse of the worke: which methinkes he should haue found, before a whole course of his worke had bin laied. What remedie for it, I can not coniecture, Mr Gent being absent, who was wont to aduertise of euery particular, & impart his opinion as touching the redresse. It troubles me muche, & so I pray yow signifie to Io. Acroide. For if it may be redressed, I had rather cast it downe, then that it should stand with any palpable faultes: & so muche signifie also to Mr Brent. For as I am informed the rest of the worke,  
hath

hath hitherto yelded satisfaction to all men : & nowe to sette on ceruicem equinam humano capiti it will be reputed a fault inexcusable. For to frame a complaint against the newe College<sup>1</sup> workman, is a faint & weake excuse. Thus recommending my self most hartely to yow, I bidde yow farewell.

your euer assured

Fulham. 3. Oct. [1610].

Tho. Bodley.

I purpose my self to write to M<sup>r</sup> Brent, for which yow neede not from me, to say any thing to him.

## 193

SIR, Your letter of the 22. Oct. together with your bookes, I receaued this morning from Waterson :<sup>1</sup> for which I thanke yow very muche. I wished vpon it, that we could haue conferred, for one quarter of an houre: for that I knowe not what to answer, if I should be demaunded, why those Corruptions should be termed Romanæ, sith the Basil printed copies (to which we doe betake vs) are both the ancients, & offend as the Romaine altogether. Againe, me thinkes, yow should haue produced some two or three examples, to shewe that some of those corruptions, are in pointes of moment, or in mater of controuersie: which is onely auerred, & not confirmed. For there may be in single wordes, being nakedly sette downe a great contradiction: when happely the sense will proue the self same, or litle dissenting, vpon the reading of the sentence. Whereupon to tell yow my present opinion (for I doubt not of your construing my good meaning to the best) I am half persuaded, that this so litle fore-running prooffe<sup>2</sup> of your greater worke to come, being barely thus

LETTER 192.—<sup>1</sup> Wadham College, the building of which was begun in April 1610.

LETTER 193.—<sup>1</sup> Simon Waterson, a London publisher 1584-1635.

<sup>2</sup> i. e. *Bellum Gregorianum*, a pamphlet issued in 1610. The greater work was *Romish Corruptions* issued in the following year.

diuulged,



diuulged, in maner as it is, as if it were the doing of 12. speciall diuines, will hardly be esteemed in the opinion of the learned, operæ pretium. God graunt it may falle out, as yowr promise doth import: & take in good part my imparting vnto yow, what nowe at the first & vpon the present, doth offer it self to my conceat. For of this assure your self, that vntill suche time, as yow shall make it appeere by som suche examples as I haue formerly required, this that yow haue performed, will not be reputed for any special validitie. Vale.

your very assured  
Tho. Bodley

London. 30. Oct. [1610].

194

SIR, Sins my comming to London, which is nowe some 5. weekes sins, I haue bin very vnkindly dealt withall with a cough & cold: which hath made me take litle pleasure, in writing letters vnto any. Neuertheles, I returned to yow a present answear, concerning the publishing of your Romane corruptions:<sup>1</sup> to which I was desirous, to haue had some kinde of answear: but vntill to day, I receaued nothing this moneth, & yet touching those doubttes that then I proposed, nothing nowe at all. Onely an aduertisement, of those misdemeanours, of the masons of Oxon<sup>2</sup> (for which I thanke yow very hartely) hoping your endeouours with the aide of other frindes, will not be wanting in that case: as I hold my self assured, of Mr Vice-

LETTER 194 —<sup>1</sup> James's *Romish Corruptions* was entered in the Stationers' Register on Aug. 16, 1611.

<sup>2</sup> The masons employed in the erection of the Arts End had probably been brought from Yorkshire, and those en-

gaged in building Wadham College came from Somersetshire. The 'aliens' who had been introduced in consequence of the dearth of masons in Oxford, met with a hostile reception from the local workmen.

chancellor

chancellour & his Deputies trauels, to inquire & to punishe, as the offendours shall merit. I did not forget, to deale with D. Shingleton,<sup>3</sup> & with M<sup>r</sup> Tailour,<sup>4</sup> in like maner, as yow & M<sup>r</sup> Price,<sup>5</sup> requested by your letters: and I founde them bothe to make no question, in case M<sup>r</sup> Price were not landed aboue the rate, that their statutes haue limited: which I told them I supposed he would cleere by his othe. Tell me, I pray yow in your next, whether that litle MS. pamphlet of Islep<sup>6</sup> in 8.<sup>o</sup> Speculum Edwardi Tertij be founde againe. For I should be sorie to heare it were lost, or embezeled: because the giuer therof is so informed, and it would turne exceedingly, to the preiudice & discredit of yow & the Librarie. Which is all for the present. Vale.

your euer assured  
Tho. Bodley.

London. No. 30. [1610].

I pray Sir, deliuer the inclosed to M<sup>r</sup> Flexney.

I must also intreat yow, to tell M<sup>r</sup> Allen that I haue sent 2. bottels by Guy<sup>7</sup> the cariar, of which he is to deliuer one to M<sup>r</sup> D. Riues of Newe college. Their cariage is paid for

<sup>3</sup> Principal of Brasenose College.

<sup>4</sup> Richard Taylor, Vice-Principal of B.N.C. 1610-12.

<sup>5</sup> The Under-Keeper, who became Fellow of B.N.C. in December 1610. The College Statutes permitted a Fellow to receive a stipend of £6 13s. 4d. per annum without being compelled to resign his Fellowship, providing the office from which he received this sum was within

the University. The permission was granted 'quo melius libros emere et alia necessaria sibi providere valeat'.

<sup>6</sup> Given by Sir Robert Stamford. Now MS. Bodley 624.

<sup>7</sup> Josias Guye was appointed University carrier on April 26, 1620. He was at this time 'Wednesday's' carrier. See Letter 6, note 4.

## 195

SIR, I am very well satisfied with your answer, which I will impart vnto others, aswell as Mr Morton<sup>1</sup> wishing yow had not suffered, an other kinde of impression to take place in mens mindes, before that so much had bin signified, as nowe yow shewe by letter, and purpose, as it seemeth, to diuulge heerafter: aswell in excuse of the Basil printed copies, as touching all the other pointes, which yow insinuat in your letter. For I am half of opinion, that some nimble witted felowe, will shoote his boltes against yow, before that be performed, which nowe yow haue intended: which can not for the time but sounde very muche to your disadvantage, and should haue bin eschewed, in my simple iudgement, for the credit of your companie and the Vniuersitie. But howsoeuer, I am glad yow can alleage so muche good mater for your self, wishing I could further your intention therin, by any endeouour in my power: as the meane while, I thanke yow most hartely for this your large answer to my obiections, which I shall longe to see seconded, with that, which it seemeth, yow minde to publish er be long: till when & euer I rest

your most thorowly assured

London. Dec. 28. [1610].

Tho. Bodley

## 196

SIR, Yow knowe very well, that Sir H. Sauile,<sup>1</sup> for the raritie of those bookes, that he hath in part conferred already, & doth purpose heerafter, to conferre in greater measure, vpon the publike

LETTER 195.—<sup>1</sup> MS. Ballard 44 contains a copy of a letter, dated Dec. 4, 1610, from Dr. Thomas Morton in which he complains that the *Bellum Gregorianum* does not show that the 'Romans' are

any more guilty than the 'Basilians' of having wilfully corrupted the texts of the Fathers.

LETTER 196. — <sup>1</sup> See Letter 183, note 2.



Librarie of the Vniuersitie, is like to proue, without exception, the greatest benefactour, of all that haue hitherto contributed to it: in which respect, and for that as yet your Librarie statutes are not fully confirmed,<sup>2</sup> I pray yow deliuer to suche as shall com with sufficient warrantie from him, those three volumes, of which his letter maketh mention: which I send with this letter vnto yow, to be reserued in your handes, till the bookes be restoared. But in any case be carefull, that it be not made knowen to any other whosoever, your vnder-keeper excepted, for the better preuenting of all other like suites, to which yow knowe I neuer did, nor will at any time yelde in any regard, but onely to Sir Henry. Wherewith I bidde yow for the present very hartely adieu

your assured frind  
Tho. Bodley

London. Ian. 16. [1611].<sup>2</sup>

## 197

SIR, You haue often complained with your Vnder-keeper, & so haue diuers besides, that there be many bookes wanting in the Librarie, which may be easely procured. Some notes yow haue sent of suche vnto me, and so hath M<sup>r</sup> Price, which nowe vpon the suddaine I can not meete withall. For which I would intreat yow, to calle as many to minde, as yow can, of the best, & to pray M<sup>r</sup> Price to doe the like, together with the rest that are presently busied in collating the fathers,

<sup>2</sup> Cp. Letter 209 where the words 'not fully confirmed' indicate certainly, as probably here also, that Bodley considered that the Statutes were still unconfirmed, though passed by Convocation, pending the alterations being made that they were at once (see Letter 187) found to require. This Letter belongs

more probably to 1611 than to 1610 both on that and on other grounds. Bodley could hardly have maintained, as he does in Letter 183, of March 30, 1610, that loans to Savile had been 'in the infancie of the Librarie' if he had sanctioned the borrowing of three volumes by him in the preceding January.

& to send me your Catalogue by your Mondaies cariar :<sup>1</sup> because Io. Bille doth depart vpon wensday or thursday that weeke, by whome I will take order, that they shall be bought & brought, with his next from beyond sea, and conueied vnto yow, with your next Act bookes. Which is all.

your euer assured  
Tho. Bodley.

London. Ian. 22. [1611].

## 198

SIR, The publication of your notes vpon Greg. & your Treatise intended de corruptis SS. Patrum &c. are maters of much moment, highly tending to the increasing or abating of your credit : as withall it will touche, by meanes of your place, the whole Vniuersitie.<sup>1</sup> For which I doe not doubt, but yow will looke so aduisedly, before yow lette your labours leape, into euery mans handes, as there shall be no exception, to your diligence & care. Wherin I wishe yow that succeſse, as I wishe to my self, in my chiefeſt affaires.

In the Catalogue yow sent, there are sundrie bookes, in my opinion, not worthy the buieng, for an Vniuersitie, & some, as I take it, there already, or imperfectly sette downe, to be bought. As Io. Capnion, which was Reuchlin, there be of his workes, I am very well assured. That which is wanting would onely haue bin noted. Me thinkes there are some of your Englishe bookes, very hardly worth the buieng. I thinke the chiefeſt of Perkins yow haue already, so as that which lacketh, would onely be supplied. For to buy mens bookes againe, assoone as they are printed a freshe, or all together,

LETTER 197.—<sup>1</sup> The following Letter shows that the list was sent as requested. The carrier of Monday, Jan. 28, would have reached London on Jan. 29.

LETTER 198.—<sup>1</sup> The Librarian's theo-

logical works were regarded as semi-official publications of the Library which was then a centre of extreme Protestantism.

were still to beginne the Library againe: vnles they should be som principal autours, & carie in reprinting, some addition of good moment. Diuers of these that are noted, I haue already bought, & will send with my next. As touching the Libr. statutes, & Excetter College grownde, when we meete, either heere or at Oxon. No certaintie yet of any Archeb.<sup>2</sup> but I am in good hope it will light vpon London.<sup>3</sup> Vale.

Ian 30. [1611].

your assured frind  
Tho. Bodley.

## 199

SIR, With my last bookes the last Act, I sent D. Mortons Catholicke appeale, being faire bounde for the Librarie. I wonder howe it can be missing, as it seemeth it is, by M<sup>r</sup> Prices note vnto me. Yow haue also there, as I take it, his Preamble to his Encounter, & Nilus De Primatu Papæ, which it seemeth is vnknownen to M<sup>r</sup> Price. Suche litle bookes, when diuers of them are bounde in a volume together, may soone be ouerslipped, if good heede be not taken, in the making of your catalogue. There is further noted Ludouicus de Vita Christi, to be wanting. I thinke you meane Ludolphus, & then I am muche deceaued, but yow haue one or two copies.

If any special bookes more com to your minde, I pray yow sende me theire titles, & if they be to be had this Mart, there shall be order giuen for the buieng. Vale.

1. Feb. [1611].

your assured  
Tho. Bodley

<sup>2</sup> Richard Bancroft, Archbishop of Canterbury, died on Nov. 2, 1610.

<sup>3</sup> George Abbot, Bishop of London, who succeeded Bancroft.



## 200

SIR, I haue obtained my suite at the stationers handes<sup>1</sup> & haue sent their graunt sealed to M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour: who will publishe the same in your next Conuocation: & therewithall the late gifte of my L. of London, who hath deliuered vnto me 50<sup>li</sup>. to be bestowed in bookes vpon the Librarie. Likewise my brother Laurence, one of the Canons of Exon, hath newly added 20<sup>li</sup>. to his former giftes vnto the Librarie. How muche it was that he gaue before (for as farre as I remember he contributed twice) I doe not well calle to minde: but I pray yow seeke it in the Register, and lette it be knowne to M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour, to whome being heere I could signifie no certaintie. Wherewith in som hast I bidde yow farewell.

your euer assured

Tho. Bodley

London. 16. Feb. [1611].

## 201

SIR, That which I heard of M<sup>r</sup> Casaubons<sup>1</sup> purpose, M<sup>r</sup> Oleuianus<sup>2</sup> a Germane gentleman told me. I thinke yow knowe the partie: but withall I was told, which I heard of an other, that he meant to returne, and remaine in France. Some occasions vrge him to it, for

LETTER 200.—<sup>1</sup> The Stationers' Company's grant of a perfect copy of every book printed by one of its members. The grant is dated Dec. 12, 1610, and the indenture was sealed in Convocation on Feb. 27, 1611. The first work thus added to the Library was 'The Christian religion substantially, methodicallie, plainlie, and profitablie treatised', entered in the Stationers' Register on Nov. 28, 1610. See Macray, p. 42.

LETTER 201.—<sup>1</sup> Isaac Casaubon, the

classical scholar, who came to England in 1610 at the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. He was admitted a reader in the Bodleian Library in May 1613, and the Greek verses which he contributed to '*Iusta funebria Ptolemæi Oxoniensis*' were written in the Library. See *B. Q. R.*, vol. i, p. 298.

<sup>2</sup> Franciscus Anthonius Oleuianus, a German of the Prince Palatine's household, received the degree of M.B., Dec. 4, 1615.

which

which I am sorie. For the stationers gifte, I am of your opinion, that it is to be accounted, a gifte of good moment : & I thinke I had hardly thought vpon it, if yow had not moued the mater at first : for the effecting wherof, I haue found notwithstanding many rubbes & delaies. Not onely M<sup>r</sup> Gent, but other frindes of mine, recommend yow vnto me, for the care & the time that yow bestowe in ouerseing the workes of my masons, for which I hold my self highly beholding vnto yow. I intreated M<sup>r</sup> Tailour, at his last being with me, to cast an eye nowe & then vpon my workmen, but yet I did not appoint him a special ouerseer, for that, to tell yow truth, (& onely to your self) I finde foolishe ialousies among ouerseers, howe fewe so euer I haue named. But a man must doe nothing, that will not abide, to meete with some crosses. It is hotte among vs in speeche, that the King hath saied, he will publishe out of hand, who shalbe our Metropolitan. Whether Winchester<sup>3</sup> or London, it is very vncertaine, but either, I hope, will fitte the Vniuersitie, though it may be, yow & I would be partiall for London. Vale.

your affectedly assured

Tho. Bodley.

Feb. 26 [1611].

I am told by som, that the forme of the doare in my building, is muche disliked of some, I pray yow signifie your owne opinion, & what is thought of the most iudicious.

## 202

SIR, I pray God Io. Bentley keepe touche, in amending the building : wherof I stand the more in doubt, for that I am informed, he maketh that which was naught a great deale worse, with his very vnsightly daubing, which I trust M<sup>r</sup> Brent or M<sup>r</sup> Gent will cause him to forbear : or els I will forbear to pay him his wages. Io. Acroide hath bin too muche to blame, for his being away so long.

<sup>3</sup> Thomas Bilson. See Letter 76, note.

Assoone as I heare of his returne, I will make my self ready to com to yow, if wether & way will giue me leaue: and then we may conferre about the placing of your MSS. There is no question of my L. of Londons aduancement to the Archebshopricke, being fully past already. Likewise it is certaine that D. King<sup>1</sup> shall succede, albeit he himself had rather any other Bishopricke. Your suite to my L. of Canterb. I may not nor will not forgette when I see him. My L. of Lincolne<sup>2</sup> is com vp, as the common bruite goeth, in hope of London: but vndoubtedly too late, as will, I suppose, appeere out of hand. D. King will be with yow, on thursday com seuenight: which is presently all that I can signifie. Fare yow well.

your euer assured & faithfull frind

Mar. 6 [1611].

Tho. Bodley.

203

SIR, Though the agreement with Io. Acroide, require his performance by Michaelmas, yet that should not hasten their present pointing of the ashler, if the season be not for it. For as they are bounde, to doe their worke by a day, so withall they are tied, to doe it well & workmanlike: & if there [*sic*] dawbing should dislike me, at my comming to Oxon, I am fully persuaded, they can hardly so clense it, as I shall find it well amended. For to say, as me thinkes they doe, that all is well done, as the time of the yere would then affourde, is still to accuse themselues: for that if they had told me, that the time of the yere, would not permitte them, to doe their worke as had bin fitte, I would haue expected a fitter season. But these be lewde excuses, sith Wadham college building was then begonne, and well enough performed. It is true, that it is not in the

LETTER 202. — <sup>1</sup> Dean of Christ Church and Vice-Chancellor.

<sup>2</sup> William Barlow, Bishop of Lincoln.



compasse of the Aldermans profession, yet any mans eye of iudgement, of what profession soeuer, may proue a meete iudge of the well or ill iointing, of an ashler walle. Truly Io. Acroide can not haue more encouragement, then he hath at my handes, & so I knowe Mr Brent, if yow chaunce to talke with him, & Iohn himself will confesse. For if the faultes be not suche, as the general voice will vtterly dislike, I will swallowe his gnattes with a very good will, & my frindes whosoeuer shall not moue me to the contrarie. When I com, I will conclude, & I hope there is nothing, but will falle within the compasse of mine owne simple iudgement, for the good or badde performance: for which if Iohn were com, yow should haue me shortly with yow. The meane while I thanke yow very often & very hartely, both for your so carefull ouerseeng my workmen, as for your diligent aduertisement, howe euery thing proceedes. Vale.

Mar. 7. Lond. [1611].

your assured  
Tho. Bodley.

## 204

SIR, I hope the report of the L. chief Iustice decease,<sup>1</sup> will proue altogether vaine. I dined to day with my L. of Canterb. of whome I asked what he heard, & his answeare was, That he did not beleue it: where to I replied, that if it proued true, yow should haue great neede of his fauour & patronadge, in regard of your suite, & therewithall I besought him, to vphold your estate, from being impared. Wherof I pray yow take notice, whensoever yow write vnto him, & of his answeare vnto me, that yow should be assured of whatsoeuer he could doe for your benefit & good. Which he deliuered very effectually & cheerefully. And yow may rest assured, that I will hold him in that humour, or rather good affection, while

LETTER 204. — <sup>1</sup> Sir Thomas Fleming. He died in August 1613. See Letter 159, note 3.

my worde or my credit may stand yow in steede. Mr Brent hath bin with me, & hath made the like report, as yow doe, of my building, wherewith I rest fully satisfied, till I com in person to beholde it. I pray yow signifie by your next, which of these bookes sette downe in the schedule heerewith, is in the Librarie. I hold it for concluded that Mr Vicechancellour shall be Bishop of London. Once I remember yow writte vnto me, that stowes chronicle of the last edition might be bought for the Librarie: but whether I sent it, I can not calle to minde. Thus I rest as euer

your assured louing frind  
Tho. Bodley.

Mar. 12. London [1611].

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SIR, Vnles some other occasion be offered, it will not be needefull, that yow should purposely write to my L. grace, for the acknowledging of his fauour, in his speeches to me. Yow may doe it, in my opinion, sufficient timely, when yow com with that present, which it seemes yow haue intended. For I thinke the time of his installation, which yow terme consecration, will falle vpon this day three weekes. Whether yow write, or com your self, assure your self of me, that as any occasion is presented, I will euer doe & say more, for the furthering of any thing that yow desire to haue effected, with his L. or any whosoeuer besides, then I loue to relate with multitude of wordes. I remember I bought for the Librarie M. Cartwright & D. Whitegifte printed together in a smalle <sup>ƒ</sup>. but whether I sent yow at any time Mr Cartw. Replie &c. alone in 4<sup>to</sup>. I can not calle to minde. For which I pray yow, doe it me to witte, because it will be fitte to be there, for good respectes: & heerewith I leaue yow to Gods gracious custodie.

your thoroughly assured  
Tho. Bodley.

London. 19. Mar. [1611].

206

SIR, Yow haue rightly conceaued of my disposition : for it doth me good to heare, of any mans approbation, of the amendement of my building : and aboue many others, Sir Henry Sauiles is to me, as the iudgement of a mason. If my workmen would consider, the due payment that I make, methinkes they would or should endeouour, to yeld me good content. I doe but attend my masons returne, & presently vpon it I will be with yow, God willing, vnles the sicknesse of my wife (who is mucche afflicted at this instant) should growe to great extremitie. As touching your mony, it shall still be ready for yow, & paid assoone as yow giue order : & so I leaue yow for the present.

your truly assured frind  
Tho. Bodley.

London. Mar. 22 [1611].

207

SIR, Your mony is paid, where yow appointed, to witte 10<sup>li</sup>. 6<sup>s</sup>. 8<sup>d</sup>.<sup>1</sup> as the acquittance heerewith importeth. This weeke, I doe not doubt, but my Carpenters shall haue order for timber, vpon the returne of M<sup>r</sup> Gent, which was, to be, by his appointment, vpon Munday. In any case yow must continewe your care about my building, & calle vpon Acroide & Bentley, for the choice of their stone, & the close laieng of it, lest their later offenses should deserue more reproofe, then their former. In whiche regard, they are ofte to be remembred, of looking to their buisnes : albeit I make no doubt, but they will be so diligent & prouident, as there shall be no cause,

LETTER 207.—<sup>1</sup> Previously the amount sent each quarter was £9. The increase was due to the appointment of the Janitor,

who received £2 a quarter, in place of the 'Cleanser' who received 13s. 4d.



for their enemies the townesmen, to insult as they did.<sup>2</sup> Howbeit your vigilance & daily vieu of their proceeding, will auaille very muche in that regard, whereunto I leaue yow, & all your owne endeouours to Gods gracious direction.

your euer assured

Tho. Bodley.

London. Ap. 10. 1611.

Sir, The litle Alcoran<sup>3</sup> with pointes, which I sent yow long sins, I stand in some doubt whether it had the name of the giuer written before it: if it had not, I pray yow write, Donum Hen. Wootton militis, & Regiæ Maiestatis apud Venetos Oratoris.

208

SIR, The good proceeding of my building is the best kind of Musicke, that I desire to heare: for which yow must thinke, that I reade your letters therof, most willingly & thankfully. In the meane time, when I shall be aduertised, what time wilbe fittest, for my repaire vnto yow, I will dispose my buisnesse for it, but not willingly before, it shalbe very needefull: & then I thinke best, to consider together about the choise of a plumber, hauing no occasion, to dislike of that partie, that yow named in your last: & then in like maner of sundrie other buisnesses. Vale.

your assured frind

Tho. Bodley.

London May. 10. [1611].

209

SIR, It is a good while sins, that yow sent me this inclosed note of giftebookes. Whether before the last Act, or sins, I can not calle to minde, neither doe I remember, whether they be all recorded vpon the publicke Register. I pray yow send me worde, & returne me the

<sup>2</sup> See Letter 194 and note 2.

<sup>3</sup> Given in 1604.

note

note againe. From Sir Charles Cornwallis I neuer heard any thing, & I haue no acquaintance with him. Yow neuer signified vnto me, what became of that letter to the B. of Limricke.<sup>1</sup> Methinkes it should not be lost, nor the suite giuen ouer. There be suitours vnto me for Prices<sup>2</sup> place, & yet I heare nothing from Price himself, nor can giue any iudgement of the parties abilities recommended vnto me. If your statutes were fully confirmed,<sup>3</sup> the election should be yours: & yet howsoever, there shall none be admitted, but with your approbation. For which I must intreat yow, to aduise me for the best, to the end we may concurre, vpon the fittest person, aswel for your ease, as for the good seruice of the Vniuersitie, which I purpose to preferre, aboue all the requestes of priuat frindes: & so I bidde yow adieu.

your truly assured  
Tho. Bodley.

London. May 17. [1611].

## 210

SIR, For the fashion of the Antickes & Pendants, I referre my self wholly to the workman, together with your self, M<sup>r</sup> Gent, M<sup>r</sup> Brent, & M<sup>r</sup> Principal, hauing heerewith returned your patterns againe: which I can like of well enough, if they be to your likinges. Concerning Prices place there will be time to resolute, at my comming to Oxon. If Bal. College lead be very good, & a reasonable penniworth to be had, I pray yow speake to Io. Acroide, to bargain for it: and send me worde howe muche yow thinke my couering will require. I doe not remember that I had euer the sight of this letter

LETTER 209.—<sup>1</sup> Bernard Adams, Scholar and afterwards Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford, Bishop of Limerick 1604-26.

<sup>2</sup> The Under-Keeper.

<sup>3</sup> The Statutes had been passed by Convocation; the reference is doubtless to the necessity for amendment. See Letter 187 and note 2.

of yours to the B. of Limricke. If the partie that writte it, be ther-  
about with yow, I could wishe it were renewed, & if your self haue  
not the meanes, I will hearcken after some, that wilbe carefull to send  
it to him. Withall in my opinion, it will not doe amisse, sith the  
letter was commended to your conueance, that it should be  
accompanied, with a line or two from your self. Yow forgotte to  
send me worde, when the catalogues of bookes which yow haue  
returned were put into the Librarie: whether since or before the last  
Act. In any case lette not those rotten ended ioices be placed in the  
flower, vnles yow see more reason for it, then I for the present can  
imagine, wherin I pray yow take aduise of some others of my  
frindes. Which is all for the present.

your assured frind  
Tho. Bodley.

London May: 22. [1611].

## 211

SIR, About my comming to Oxon, my wiues indisposition doth  
make me irresolut. Com I must & will, if God lend me life &  
health, but howe soone I can not say. For the state of her infirmitie  
is growen to that extremitie, that vnles she doe amend, & that out of  
hand, in all kinde of likelihood, she will bidde her frindes farewell.<sup>1</sup>  
And then what may occasion my longer stay heere, yow can  
coniecture aswel as I. But in case she gather strength, & growe to  
amendement, be it neuer so litle, I will be with yow, God willing,  
someday the next weeke. It was euer my opinion, that 2. foote &  $\frac{1}{2}$   
thickness, was too litle for that walle, that they will frame about the  
vault: for which I am gladde of your general conclusion, to make it  
vp three: & so much I haue signified to M<sup>r</sup> Gent & M<sup>r</sup> Brent. Of  
all other maters, we shall haue leasure, when I com.

your euer assured  
Tho. Bodley.

London. May. 28. [1611].

LETTER 211.—<sup>1</sup> Lady Bodley died in the following month.

Sir,



## 212

SIR, Heerewith yow shall receaue M<sup>r</sup> Watersons note, wherupon I doe not doubt, but Crossely will discharge it. After friday next I will hearken after a bargeman, for conueiance of my bookes to Burcotte: but whether Hales be recouered of his late feuer I knowe not. In case he shall not be able to com vnto yow, I pray yow thinke vpon som other. Methinkes Edward Andrewe,<sup>1</sup> whose epistle vnto me, I send heerinclosed, doth write a good hand, although to my seeming, it is nothing speedy. If no better can be gotten, and Hales be vnable, rather then faile, I thinke his hand will serue our turne, as I make no doubt but he may be intreated. Wherewith I bidde yow adieu.

your euer assured  
Tho. Bodley

June 26. [1611] London.

## 213

SIR, I haue sent my bookes to Burcotte, by one Transome a bargeman, who maketh account to be there on thursday. They are inclosed in a pipe & a hoggeshead: & a fewe I send yow by this cariar Guy, hauing paied for their cariage. But the portage of those by barge, I haue not discharged, being six shillings, which I pray yow disburse, as likewise for their conueiance to Oxon, & I will remburse it, vpon notice of your summe. I would intreat yow in any case, to be carefull, in appointing your schollers, that shall take the bookes out of their fattes, & transport them to the Librarie, that none be embezeled, whereto they may happely be soone intreated, by

LETTER 212. — <sup>1</sup> Probably Edward Andrew, B.A., Jesus College, 1607. Entries in the Donations-register made in 1610 and after are in a hand

different from that of those in the years 1605-9. Donations made in 1610 appear to have been entered at the same time as those made in 1611.

reason of the fine binding of some litle volumes. Heerewithall I haue sent yow the chief benefactours names & bookes, beginning with the remainder of Deane Wooddes<sup>1</sup> bookes. I would onely request yow to place M<sup>r</sup> Townley before my brother,<sup>2</sup> because I haue not yet found so many bookes, as to make vp the summe, that he hath giuen. The names of this yeres benefactours I will deliuer heere to M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour, to be published at his returne. I long to vnderstand what course yow will take in registering the bookes. Which is all at this present.

your assured  
Tho. Bodley.

London Iuly. 3. [1611].

214

SIR Yow doe rightly conceaue my meaning, which is to winne as muche roome, as we may conueniently for stowage of bookes: which was the onely reason that moued me, to haue the newe walle raised higher then the old, by two or three foote. And vnles M<sup>r</sup> Gent, M<sup>r</sup> Brent, & M<sup>r</sup> Alderman be of an other opinion, I would haue your opinion stand, if it be not disgracefull to the worke, & the eye. The corbels, as I was promised by the carpenters & M<sup>r</sup> Alderman, should be so contriued, as they should be litle hindrance, to the placing of bookes. I meruaile very muche at the stay of my bookes, & sorie exceedingly at this indisposition of my L. of London,<sup>1</sup> hoping by your next, to heare better newes, which I wishe with all my hart, & therewith rest

your euer assured  
Tho. Bodley.

Iuly. 12. [1611].

LETTER 213.—<sup>1</sup> See Letter 185 (June 19, 1610) where instructions are given for the registering of those of the books bought with his donation which had been purchased before the Act of

1610.

<sup>2</sup> So that additions might more easily be made to the latter.

LETTER 214.—<sup>1</sup> Dr. John King, Dean of Ch. Ch. See Letters 202, 204.

Sir,

## 215

SIR, I can not coniecture by either of your letters this weeke, that my vessels of bookes are come to your handes: albeit your silence makes me thinke it, & that they are well arriued. It may be, er be long, I will to Eton my self to see Sir H. Sauile, & then will endeouour to gette those Windsore bookes,<sup>1</sup> & if neede shall so require, I will craue his furtherance to that purpose. I see the questions that yow moued in your last vnto me, can not yet be resolued, through the absence of the Alderman, who I thinke is by this time returned to Oxon. The yongue Landgrauē of Hesse<sup>2</sup> is gone to see Cambridge, & comes to Oxon from thens: where I make no doubt, but suche order will be taken, if M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour gette a foote, which I earnestly wishe from the bottome of my hart, as he shall take a great liking of the Vniuersities interteinment. There hath not hitherto any yongue Prince bin more welcome to his Highnes & the Court, nor caried himself with better grace. This is all for the present.

yours very assuredly

Tho. Bodley.

Fulham. 19. Iuly. [1611].

## 216

SIR, I stooode in some doubt of writing vnto yow, for that it should seeme by your last before this, that yow meant to be heere some time this weeke. Howbeit a worde or two at all aduentures. I haue diuers English bookes newly printed (though none as yet of those

LETTER 215.—<sup>1</sup> The Dean and Chapter of Windsor gave 159 MSS. in 1612.

<sup>2</sup> Otto, Landgrave of Hesse, arrived in England on June 23, 1611. He visited

both Oxford and Cambridge. Bodley had been ambassador to the Court of Hesse.

that



that yow mention) which I reserue to be sent with sundrie others of this yere, which I doe daily expect. But those of the companie haue taken hitherto no constant speedy order, for the gathering of them, & deliuerie vnto me: albeit they promise, & say they will doe it euery day.<sup>1</sup> I should not haue thought the Recorder so simple as he is discouered by that action. But the Maior deserued to breake his shinnes, for making suche hast to goe before his betters.<sup>2</sup> I am of opinion that in regard of the old building, there should be a table in like maner about the newe Libr. in case it will but leese a shelf or two of bookes. I hope for the beame yow will take suche a course, as there shalbe no want of beautie & strength to the walle, which are the very maine & principal pointes that I aime at in my building. Astouching the bell, I would haue it caste againe, & if my frindes thinke it good, made somewhat bigger. But therof at our meeting. Yet I pray yow inquire, if the contrey therabout will yeld a bell founder. Of Bolton<sup>3</sup> likewise when we meete, & of many more maters. Vale

yours assuredly  
Tho. Bodley

Fulham. Iuly. 23. [1611].

I thinke the Prince wilbe shortly at Woodstocke, & like enough to com to see the Vniuersitie.

LETTER 216.—<sup>1</sup> Frequent complaints were made of delay in the delivery of the Stationers' books to the Library. See Macray, pp. 40, 41. Bodley (see Letter 220) was not always willing to put books sent by them into the Library.

<sup>2</sup> See Wood's *History*, *sub anno* 1611. The dispute between the University and City was with regard to the policing of the streets at night. The Mayor was

William Potter, the Recorder Thomas Wentworth, the latter being in Wood's opinion 'a most malicious and implacable fomenter and author of these and other troubles'.

<sup>3</sup> John Bolton was employed at Wadham College. He carved the screens in the Chapel and Hall of that College. See Jackson's *Wadham College*, pp. 48, 51.

## 217

SIR, I pray yow send me worde, howe many foote of grownde the Vniuersitie hath in bredth Estward from the schoole doores, & likewise in length Southward from the North corner of the schooles. For when I com in place to talke of building the schooles, I can not answeare that question. Likewise howe many foote from the North coine of the great windowe of the Librarie, to the North end of the walle of the Librarie exclusiue.

[Oct. 1611].<sup>1</sup>

## 218

SIR, I haue sent yow M<sup>r</sup> Pindares<sup>1</sup> bookes in a budget. I pray yow place them presently in the Librarie. They are consigned to yow, & their cariage paid for. If any man shall attempt to borowe them, or any of them, of yow, (as I doubt yow will be moued by some great person) in any case alleage the statut of the Librarie, & lette none of them part out of your handes. I must also request yow, that yow will vse your best diligence, to hunt out those theeues of my clapboordes, which might aswell in time deuise to finde meanes to robbe the Librarie. I haue no leasure for the present, to write more at large, hauing otherwise a desire to write to M<sup>r</sup> Brent, to whome I pray yow signifie, that I haue receaued his letter, & will returne him an answer on Friday. Vale

your very louing frind  
Tho. Bodley.

London. Dec. 4. [1611].

LETTER 217.—<sup>1</sup> This Letter has no address and may possibly not have been directed to the Keeper. The date is uncertain, but is probably not long before Nov. 5, 1611, when Bodley wrote to the Vice-Chancellor urging the rebuilding of the Schools.

LETTER 218.—<sup>1</sup> Twenty Arabic, Persian, and other MSS. were presented by Mr. Paul Pindar. Bodley's letter to the Vice-Chancellor on this donation is printed in Hearne's *Joannis Glaston. chronica*, vol. ii, pp. 637-40.

Sir,

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SIR, Through multiplicitie of buisnesse, I am forced to intreat yow, to beare with my breuitie, though withall I doe assure yow, that I will giue yow an answer, with my very first leasure, to all that yow haue proposed, in these your last three weekes letters.

From Fulham. Dec. 20 [1611].

your assured  
Tho. Bodley.

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SIR, I would yow had foreborne, to catalogue our London bookes, till I had bin priue to your purpose. There are many idle bookes, & riffe raffles among them, which shall neuer com into the Librarie, & I feare me that litle, which yow haue done alreadie, will raise a scandal vpon it, when it shall be giuen out, by suche as would disgrace it, that I haue made vp a number, with Almanackes, plaies, & proclamacions: of which I will haue none, but suche as are singular.<sup>1</sup> As yet Mr Norton hath not taken any order, for the bringing in of their bookes by reason of the sicknes of their Bedel: but he hath promised faithfully, to doe it with speede. When the Vnderkeeper himself shall signifie to me, that he would faine forgoe the place, I will thinke vpon an other, which must needes be a scholler of some good abilitie in learning, & not a drudge altogether to deliuer out bookes. For when yow shall be absent, it is fitte he should be able, to intertaine commers in, aswel of other nations as our owne, with meete discourses for the place.

Astouching the staires<sup>2</sup> to be made in the newe enlargement, if

LETTER 220.—<sup>1</sup> The same view is expressed even more strongly in the following Letter. Bodley had consistently objected to the introduction of

'riffe raffe' books into the Library. See Letters 26, 162.

<sup>2</sup> The stairs to the galleries in the Arts End.



yow shall finde it sufficient, to haue onely 2. cases, if the rest of my frindes doe all concurre, I could like it farre better then fower. My cost will be the lesse, & more stowage for bookes will be gained by it. I am fully resolved to pitche the long passage with peeble, the best that can be founde: but without the approbation of my frindes there with yow, I will not fully conclude it. I thanke yow for your care, in taking the dimensions of the shelues in bothe Libraries: wherof I thought diuers times to haue written vnto yow. Howbeit your examination by measure, & mine by mental coniecture, doth proue in a maner the very same. Would to God that summe of 500<sup>li</sup>. which yow thinke wilbe raised, among contributing students, towards the building of the schooles, might amount to 300<sup>li</sup>. I doubt it exceedingly. But howsoeuer, I hope yow shall haue schooles: wherof more when we haue heard, what M<sup>r</sup> Vicechancellour hath effected. I had no sooner written my last vnto yow, but after it was sealed, I founde the fault of my accompt, being 3<sup>s</sup>. 4<sup>d</sup>. ouer reckned: which I will leaue in your custodie, till occasion be offered of imploiment. Whether the Prebendaries name of Winton be Harrood, or, Harrad, your writing doth not plainely expresse. I pray yow note it in your next, as withall, when yow say, 8. or 9. MS. I would haue the number precisely, for keeping the recorde: as withall I would knowe, whether they be in f<sup>o</sup>. or in what Vol. & whether of good worth, or of smalle account. And if yow had any other sins the last Act, it weere requisit, I should knowe it. My next shall supplie, whatsoeuer I haue omitted, in answearing all your former, for which I thanke yow very muche, & continue as euer

your true assured frind

Tho. Bodley.

Fulham. Ian. 1. [1612].

Sir,

## 221

SIR, Whether a half passe will be requisit, I must intreat yow & the rest of my frindes, to consult vpon it. It will be correspondent to the other in the old, & in my opinion sightly: & if it lessen the height, it will be but 5. or 6. inches, with the most, which I hope will not proue so muche inconuenient. Astouching the iuttie, on eche side of the Arche, I must likewise referre it to yow there in place, I meane M<sup>r</sup> Hawley, M<sup>r</sup> Brent, M<sup>r</sup> Gent & your self. I did neuer appoint it for the smaller cised bookes, but for the bigger sort in 4<sup>to</sup>. suche as were to be cheined: which I did then imagine, might there be placed on shelues, in a leuel with the rest. And if bookes in f<sup>o</sup>. can not well be placed there, I see not but globes will fitte it worse a great deale: & as for Mappes, vnles we had of the best, for euery contrey, our losse would be greater of so muche roome for bookes, then the benefit would proue of 4. or 5. mappes. But for ought I can coniecture, no present resolution will be greatly needfull: & when the time of the yere will serue the turne, that I may com my self to aduise vpon it, I hope I shall quickly resolue for the best. Moreouer, my timber & boordes are not sufficiently seasoned, for the carpenters to worke on: & therefor I see not wherin they may be imploied, till after Marche: vnles I would be wilfull when I see before hand, that I shall but repent me. Somwhat they may doe, in regaling & planing the boordes before hand, whereby they will the better & sooner be seasoned: which I trust they doe purpose. If the Painter were there, I thinke he might beginne, albeit I stand in feare, it will be with the soonest. Howbeit yow shall doe well, to procure his returne, whersoever he worke. I see the keeping cleane of the vaulted walke, will require some allowance, to the porter or the clarke: for which I am willing to take the best order. I can see no good reason to alter my opinion, for excluding suche bookes, as almanackes, plaies, & an infinit number, that are daily printed, of  
very

very vnworthy maters & handling, suche as, me thinkes, both the keeper & vnderkeeper should disdaine to seeke out, to deliuer vnto any man. Happely some plaies may be worthy the keeping: but hardly one in fortie. For it is not alike in Englishe plaies, & others of other nations: because they are most esteemed, for learning the languages & many of them compiled, by men of great fame, for wisdom & learning, which is seeldom or neuer seene among vs. Were it so againe, that some litle profit might be reaped (which God knowes is very litle) out of some of our playbookes, the benefit therof will nothing neere conteraile, the harme that the scandal will bring vnto the Librarie, when it shalbe giuen out, that we stuffe it full of baggage bookes. And though they should be but a few, as they would be very many, if your course should take place, yet the hauing of those few (suche is the nature of malicious reporters) would be mightily multiplied by suche as purpose to speake in disgrace of the Librarie. This is my opinion, wherin if I erre, I thinke I shall erre with infinit others: & the more I thinke vpon it, the more it doth distast me, that suche kinde of bookes, should be vouchesafed a rowme, in so noble a Librarie. And thus at this time, with my kindest commendations.

your very assured frind  
Tho. Bodley.

London. Ian. 15. [1612].

## 222

SIR, I pray yow signifie vnto me, what bredth yow thinke fittest to be allotted for your bookes vncheined, to witte in 4<sup>to</sup>. and 8<sup>o</sup>. whether it were not best to assigne suche a bredth vpon euery shelve, as a booke in 4<sup>to</sup>. might conueniently be placed behinde a booke in 8<sup>o</sup>. for the gaining of rowme: for which as I imagine, 9. inches may suffice, for the ordinarie sort of volumes. I knowe it were the best course,



course, to sette them alle single vpon their shelues : but yet because in time to come, yow may be againe, as nowe yow are, scanted of roome, it behoueth vs to cast our plottes in suche sort, as the vttermost aduantage of roome may be taken, when necessitie shall enforce vs.<sup>1</sup> Therefor I request yow to signifie your opinion therin : and withall howe many shelues yow thinke meete to allowe for every deske, of those smaller cised volumes, on eche side. As farre as I remember there are but 7. on a side in the closets. I would also willingly knowe the bredth of your gallerie, ouer the doore at the entrance into the Librarie : and the length & bredth of one of your side windowes in the Librarie.<sup>2</sup> Lastly the bredth of the great windowe at the vpper end, taking the same, at the broadest place therof benethe. Yow shall doe me a pleasure to aduertise me by your mundaies cariar of these particulars, which are quickly measured. And heerwith I leaue yow to Gods holy protection.<sup>3</sup>

your assured frind

Tho. Bodley

Fulham. 27. Ian. [1612].

I shall intreat yow further to lette me vnderstand, what yow thinke of those lower desks, vnder the tables in the Librarie, whether yow thinke they may be vsed conueniently heerafter, though not with that ease as the rest.

LETTER 222.—<sup>1</sup> Nine inches would have been quite insufficient for the 'double rows'.

<sup>2</sup> A rough plan of a design for Arts End, preserved in Wood MS. F. 27, and endorsed 'Librarie-plotte' in Bodley's hand, shows three small windows at the North and South ends, with rows of book-cases running from North to South.

The system of wall-shelving, apparently an afterthought, is the first known application in this country of the then new Continental system of wall-shelving (J. W. Clark, *The care of books*, pp. 267-76).

<sup>3</sup> The Letter is annotated, from which it appears that the breadth of the gallery was 4 ft. 5 in.

Sir,

## 223

SIR, I haue paied your summe, & inclosed heerin the parties acquittance. What windowe it was, that yow caused to be pointed yow doe not write. If it were either masons worke, or glasiars, it was to be done by them, & at their charge: which I had procured, had yow giuen me notice before hand. Some time in Ester weeke, I purpose, God willing, to see yow in Oxon, with Sir Io. Benet<sup>1</sup> in companie & then we shall conferre, of all our affaires, hauing many els to impart vnto yow, & bidding yow presently most hartely farewell.

your truly assured

Tho. Bodley.

London. Ap<sup>l</sup>. 3. [1612].

## 224

SIR, As yet the Lambes skinne gowne,<sup>1</sup> hath not bin seene by his Maiestie. But he knoweth that I haue it, & I expect euery houre, to be sent for to the Court. If those bookes at Windsore may not be had without his Maiesties priuitie & leaue, I suppose I shall resolute to lette them alone. For although they be worthy the hauing, yet I can not thinke it fite, vnles the gifte were greater, to become a suitour for them. For it may be a hindrance to me, if heerafter I shall renewe, which I purpose, God willing, my petition to his Highnes for performance of his promise made to me in Oxon.<sup>2</sup> I vtterly dislike my painters long absence, besides that I am informed, that his colours are nothing so liuely & good, as those in the other Librarie: wherof Mr Principal Hawley must be iudge between vs, by vertue of our

LETTER 223.—<sup>1</sup> Sir John Bennet was one of the executors of Bodley's will. See Gibson, *Some Oxford libraries*, pp. 78, 79.

LETTER 224.—<sup>1</sup> The 'Muscovy cloak'. See Macray, pp. 431-34.

<sup>2</sup> See Letter 146, note 2.

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bargaine: wherof I pray yow remember both M<sup>r</sup> Principal & the painter. I thinke my brother of Excetter, & sundrie others of my kindred, will be with yow in Oxon vpon Tuesday next, towards whome I doe not doubt, but yow will shewe, as yow haue euer, to all my good frindes, your accustomed curtesie. Withall I must intreat yow to tell my brother, that he shall be assured to find me at Fulham at his comming: but I could wishe that he would send me some one of his men before, to the end I may knowe whether I shall prouide his diner or his supper for him on thursday, which I doe imagine will be his day at Fulham. Vale.

your assured euer

Tho. Bodley.

Lond. May 22. [1612].

I am told that yow haue none of these bookes in the note inclosed, wherof I pray yow send me worde, & the note backe againe. For I am muche deceaued, if yow haue not Halle & Fabian.

## 225

SIR, I haue wrastled this fortnight with a certaine infirmitie, with which I can not make my peace, though it fareth better with me then it did at the first, for which I hope, er be long, I shall cleane ouercom it. Your monies are paid, where yow appointed, as yow may perceauē by the acquittances heerewith. I can not send yow my bookes, to be there before the Act, because they are many, & can not be bounde, & repared so soone, through the time that I haue lost, by meanes of sicknes: wherof I hope by my next to send yow better newes.

your faithfull frind

Tho. Bodley

London. Iuly. 3. [1612].

I pray yow send me word with your next, howe the ioiners & painters proceede.



## 226

SIR, If there be any change in the state of my body, it is rather for the better, then the worse. But the amendement is slender, albeit I am in hope, it will increase more & more: which I doe desire for nothing more, then that I might see, howe my workes proceede: in so muche as I thinke I shall resolute er be long, to aduenture vpon the voiage, though I make it 3. daies iorney. For I finde that my presence, will be greatly requisit in many respectes. As touching the height of your shelues aboute the gallerie, there can no body better iudge what is fitte then your self. I pray yow repaire to M<sup>r</sup> Gent & M<sup>r</sup> Brent, & see what I haue written of all my affaires. For my weaknes will not lette me, to enlarge, as I would to euery one in particular. I pray yow aduise with my frindes, howe farre they thinke it meete, to sette the smithe a worke, & I will intreat M<sup>r</sup> Brent to bargain for me. Vale

your assured euer  
Tho. Bodley

Fulham. 24. Iuly [1612].

## 227

SIR, The want of my health, as I was wont to haue it, hath put me cleane out of course, both of writing to my frindes, & giuing order in those workes, that pertaine to the Librarie. But yow, I hope, & the rest, vpon whome I doe relie, will supplie my defect, & calle vpon my ioiners, that all thinges may be done, both speedily, & gracefully, as my paiment vnto them doth well deserue. I am sorie for Benet, whose skill I shall want in many respectes: but yet my trust is in Bolten, that he will make it good, bearing, as he doth, so  
good

good a report, of sufficiencie in his ioinerie. I pray yow send me worde, howe soone yow thinke it will be, before thei finishe all, to the end I may take order with the painter, to beginne. I must also intreat yow, to remember me most kindly to Mr Vicechancellour, & to learne of him, whether D. Williams<sup>1</sup> hath performed as muche, as was required, by my L. Chancellour. I shall thinke it long till your worke against the Iesuites<sup>2</sup> com abroade to be read, & yow can not send it me so soone, as it shall be very welcom, as being well compiled, (wherof I haue no doubt). Yow may rest well assured, it will proue very salable, both in Englishe & Latin. Howe I stand for my health, this bearer can tell yow, to whome I am highly beholding. I can hardly affirme that I am any thing better, then when I was with yow, but still I can make good, that I am

your assured good frind

Tho. Bodley

London. 4. Sept. [1612].

Yow shall doe me a pleasure to lett me knowe, howe the sermons of D. Howson<sup>3</sup> are digested, & whether order will be taken, that he shall retract (as is fitte he should) his scandalous last sermon, being vtterly voide of all honestie & witte.

## 228

SIR, Yow shall doe me a special pleasure, to lett me knowe from yow, the particularities of the courses, that are held with D. Howson. When he is appointed to answeare, & before whome, & who they are that haue censured his sermon, with euery other circumstance, that shall be material. For I repute it a mater muche import-

LETTER 227.—<sup>1</sup> John Williams, Principal of Jesus College and Lady Margaret Reader. See Letters 14, note 2; 228, note.

<sup>2</sup> James's *The Iesuits downefall* was published in 1612.

<sup>3</sup> See Letter 64 note. He was again censured in 1612.

ing the honour & credit of the Vniuersitie, and to say the very truth, the whole church of this realme, that he should be censured seuerely, & either made to recant his malicious taxations of those he termeth glossers, or should not be suffered to dwell & hatche his newe fanglennesse in the Vniuersitie, nor enioy those liuinges, that he possesseth in the state, as a person well affected to religion heere autorised. I pray yow forgette not, to lette me heare in what order, D. Williams gaue content vnto the Vicechancellour, touching those particulars, which were enioined vnto him, by my L. Chancelour.<sup>1</sup> Withall I would knowe, whether yow haue placed, the first volume of the Councels printed at Rome, in the Librarie. Concerning wainscottes I haue written my minde to M<sup>r</sup> Gent, desiring onely to be informed, when the painters may beginne, without feare of annoiance, that the ioiners raising of dust in their workes, may not marre their colours. My bookes I would also send, assoone as yow shall thinke a fitte time for their placing: & whether it wilbe needefull, that yow send to the smith, to furnishe yow with cheines, I doe not doubt but yow consider. I shall intreat yow to lette me knowe, whether yow shall haue occasion, to start hither er long be (for more then a start I would not willingly haue it) because I haue somewhat, that I desire very muche to impart vnto yow, though it require no great hast. But I am willinger to doe it by worde of mouth then otherwise. Thus muche till the next occasion be offered. Vale.

your euer assured

Tho. Bodley.

Fulham Sept. 16. [1612].

LETTER 228.—<sup>1</sup> Dr. Williams appears to have satisfied the Vice-Chancellor as to his right to retain the stipend of the Keeper of the former University Library

which, on the dissolution of the Library, had been transferred to the Lady Margaret Reader.



## 229

SIR, I haue paied Crosseleis bille, as yow requested, & heerewith I send yow the parties acquittance, to whome the monie was deliuered. Howe fitte that partie is, for M<sup>r</sup> Prices roome, whome yow so muche recommended, in a former vnto me, I can not perfittly vnderstand. But if his person aswell as his learning, be to be liked, I would not willingly seeke further, to the end I may satisfie both yow & M<sup>r</sup> Price.<sup>1</sup> For I hold it a point, to be considered of, in regard of the great accesse of great persons often times, of both sexes, that he that shall waite vpon them in Librarie, & answeare their demandes, should be a personable scholler, & qualified, if it may be, with a gentlemanlike speeche & cariage, towards suche as he shall accompanie. It will make the more in some sort, for the Vniuersities honor, & for our owne reputations in making our election. I pray yow thinke vpon it seriously, & lette vs not doe that, which we would presently wishe vndone. The publike good & publike liking is all that I aime at. Which is all for the present. Vale. London Sept. vltimo. the day of my taking a great deale of physicke, hauing formerly had no amendement at all.

your assured frind  
Tho. Bodley

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SIR, Howsoever yow vnderstood me, it was no part of meaning in me, to intreat your comming hither, for any conference that I required. For I haue no occasion, to put yow to that trouble, but as

LETTER 229.—<sup>1</sup> His intended resignation has been previously mentioned. It took place at Lady Day, 1613. He was succeeded by John Berry, B.A., of Exeter

College.

LETTER 230.—<sup>1</sup> A facsimile of this Letter is in *Pietas Oxoniensis* (1902).

I made my motion, so I did desire, that if any buisnesse of your owne, or other incident occasion, shold drawe yow to London, that then I had some mater to impart vnto yow, whiche would happely giue content to bothe our dispositions : not requiring the while, any hasty meeting with yow.

What order I haue taken with Dauis the painter, who by this time I hope is com vnto yow, I haue written at large to M<sup>r</sup> Principal. He hath promised to beginne his worke out of hande, to be a continual workman himself vpon it, & to finishe the whole before Christmas day. Patterns of his panels & battons, to which the rest must be conformed, I haue sent M<sup>r</sup> Principal, & I haue his handy writing for the good performance. Were the amendement of my health, suche as yow haue bin informed, I should not giue yow ouer, without a whole sheete of paper. But the imperfections of sicknesse, diuert me often from my courses, for which I must attend Gods good pleasure, for my remedie : & in the meane season I rest as euer

your very assured

Tho. Bodley

London. 29. Oct. [1612].

## 231

SIR, The speeche goeth heere, that sins S<sup>t</sup> Thomas Eue, the Librarie doore hath continued shutte :<sup>1</sup> which is highly disliked of all that vnderstand it : but of no man more, then of my self : because many doe imagine, that the abuse is committed, with my toleration. Wherupon they doe descant, that whensoever God shall calle me,<sup>2</sup> that whole Institution will quickly goe to wracke : which vn-doubtedly will minister muche occasion of repentance, among all sortes of persons, that haue bin contributours. In which regard I can

LETTER 231.—<sup>1</sup> i.e. the Library had been closed for a fortnight—Monday, Dec. 20, 1612, to Saturday, Jan. 2, 1613.

<sup>2</sup> Sir Thomas Bodley's will is dated at Fulham, Jan. 2, 1613. He died on Jan. 28 following.

not choose, but request yow for heerafter, to alter your course, (which nowe I heare is too common) in taking that libertie. For my meaning was euer, and so it is, I am sure, of the whole Vniuersitie, that still there should be that accesse, for students to that place, as was formerly allowed by the ancient statutes: which neuer permitted so large vacations. And although in som regards, they were held ouer strict, yet as neere as is possible, they must needes be obserued: which I will alwaies endeuour, and yow will second me I hope, as I shall alwaies be

your louing and very assured frind.

Fulham. Ian. 3. [1613].

Tho. Bodley





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